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15 Spaniards arrive from Iraq

AMMAN (R) - Fifteen Spanish men released by Iraq arrived here Monday on their way home and said they were happy to be free again. "I am tired, but happy to be free," said Louis Espinosa. The 15 jubilant men hugged the Spanish ambassador to Jordan, Ramon Armengod, other embassy staff and journalists at Amman airport after flying from Baghdad on an Iraqi plane. They said they had stayed at the homes of the Spanish embassy staff in Baghdad and were free to move around the city. Spain's charge d'affaires in Kuwait, Juan Jose Buitrago, was among the 15. He said he left Kuwait for Raghdad two weeks ago. The freed men were accompanied by Christina Almeida, head of a Spanish parliamentary delegation which went to Iraq to appeal for the release of Spaniards. "We are very happy for the release of the 15 and we hope the other nationalities will leave soon too," Almeida told reporters at the airport. She said she had a message from Iraq to the Spanish people. "The message is that there is friendship between the people of Iraq and the people of Spain and that friendship cannot finish with a war, it must go on the way it was," she said

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AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Monday received a cable of thanks and appreciation from President of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Zayed Ben Sultan Al Nahayan in reply 10 a condolence cable the King sent over the death of UAF Vice-President and Prime Minister Sheikh Rashed Ben Sultan Ben Saeed Al Maktoum.

out of & 7 injured in highway pile-up

AMMAN (J.T.) — Seven people were seriously injured in an accident involving 13 cars, lorries and micks which occurred Monday on the desert highway, near Swa-ga rehabilitation centre. The Civil Defence Department (CDD) attributed the accident to dusty weather which caused a short field of vision. It said the injured were transferred to hospitals.

Soviet cargo plane lands in Saudi Arabia

SAUDI ARABIA (AP) — A Soviet Antonov AN-124 cargo plane, the world's largest aircraft. dartled observers when it turned up Monday at an airfield in eastem Saudi Arabia. The plane was sitting on the tarmac with its nose and tail doors open. Military micks were parked nearby and witnesses said they could see grates being unloaded, but not what they contained. Aeroflot, the name of the Soviet state airline, was visible on the side of the white aircraft. One Saudi source, insisting on anonymity, said the Soviets have been bringing in supplies for the Syrian forces deployed as part of Operaim Desert Shield. Neither Saudi no U.S. officials would comment on the plane's presence

la allows Egyptian pilots to return home

CAÍRO (R) — Iraq allowed 36 Egyptian pilots who had been training its air force to go home last week, the weekly Egyptian Bowspaper Mayo said Monday. The pilots, based in Basra and Baghdad, stopped training shorty after Iraq invaded Kuwait on Aug. 2 but Iraqi authorities had prevented them from returning lone, said Mayo, the official newspaper of the ruling National Democratic Party.

Mine kills two in South Lebanon

MARJAYOUN, Lebanon (R) -A land mine killed two women in South Lebanon Monday and wounded a married couple travelling with them, security sources said. They said their car detonated the mine in the village of Shebaa in Israel's self-declared security zone." Gunmen of the brack-backed South Lebanon Anny (SLA) dismantled an exploarge they found near the week of the car, the sources said.

Dugan still at work

GENETAL GENET-Michael J. Dugan, fired last south air force chief of staff bt. dacosing U.S. contingency plans for war with Iraq, is still at with in the Defence Depart-ment aspokesman said Monday. Dugan remains on active duty istant to Air Force Secretary Donald B. Rice since shortly after Defence Secretary Dick Chency fired Dugan on Sept. 17, said air force spokesman Joe Pur-The matter of Dugan's status arose after Cheney said during a radio interview in London Monby that Dugan is "no longer in the art force."

Turkey to execute

ANKARA (R) — A Turkish minister said the government pained to execute nearly 200 Diffical extremists held on death The weekend comments by brought outraged reaction from Turkey's opposition Social being and a proposition of the partial being such a proposition parliament. It is being such a proposition of the parliament of the parlia The target turned itself into terror-Erdal Inom, chairman of the Social Democrat Populist pary (SHP), told reporters.

Shamir urges Knesset

Arab Jerusalem despite pledge to U.S.

Israel to house more immigrants in

to defy U.N. mission

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir called on parliament Monday to unite behind him in the face of U.N. condemnation of the massacre of at least 30 Palestinians in Arab Jerusalem a week ago.

He spoke as British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd arrived on a visit likely to increase pressure for Israel to accept a U.N. investigation of the massacre.

Israeli officials disclosed that Foreign Minister David Levy had received a strongly-worded appeal from the United States, Israel's guardian ally, urging the cabinet to accept the U.N. mis-

Shamir cited a Sunday cabinet statement refusing cooperation with a three-member U.N. team to investigate the Oct. 8 killings.

"There is no room for any involvement on the part of the United Nations in any matter relating to Jerusalem, just as the United Nations does not intervene in events, some even more severe, that occur in other countries," Shamir said.

"I hope that the whole Knesset (parliament) will unite around these words which stand at the heart of the consensus in Israel."

Israel "annexed" Arab Jerusalem in 1967 and considers all

Bush: Resolution must be applied

WASHINGTON (R) - President George Bush said Monday he favoured full implementation of a U.N. resolution to send a team to Jerusalem to investigate last Monday's massacre of Palestinians, despite an Israeli decision not to cooperate with the inquiry.

"We want to see that U.N. resolution fully implemented. We are a part of it and we think it's the right step," Bush told reporters aboard Air Force One en route to Texas.

of the world rejects Israeli

The Israeli officials said the message to Levy from U.S. Secretary of State James Baker was delivered before the cabinet vote by U.S. Ambassador to Israel William Brown.

"I wish to emphasise that if Israel rejects the Security Council decision, there will be some who will compare you, even though it is not justified, to Saddam Hussein and his rejection of Security Council decisions," Yedioth Ahronoth, Israel's biggest Hebrew-language newspaper, quoted Baker as saying.

The officials confirmed the content of the message. They said it proved the United States had ioined the condemnation of Israel to satisfy Washington's Arab allies in the Gulf crisis.

Baker wrote that "Israel played into the hands" of Iraq by not being prepared for the violence in Jerusalem as its capital. But most Arab Jerusalem.

out in the Gulf. Kuwaiti officials back

military action to force Iraq to with-

draw from the emirate it annexed in

reports over the weekend that Iraqi

Baghdad's tough stance followed

"The aggression of Saddam Hussein is the real issue the world should be concerned about. We want to keep that in focus and you too should do that," Baker's message said.

"This week we are requesting to go back to the Security Council with a new resolution on Iraqi aggression. Let's not let Saddam Hussein off the hook," Baker

In parliament, opposition Labour Party leader Shimon Peres said: "You succeeded, Yitzhak Shamir, not only in lowering the status of the government but also of Israel — not only before the world but also the United

Israel Radio said Labour would lead a parliamentary effort to bring down the government next week. But Shamir appeared likely to withstand the challenge. U.N. Secretary-General Javier

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Iraq toughens stand with fresh warning

Combined agency dispatches

IRAQ reaffirmed its tough position Monday, as top officials insisted that not even war could change the fact that Kuwait was now Iraq's 19th

province.
In London, U.S. Secretary of State Dick Chency said Monday that American troops could remain in Saudi Arabia for years, if necessary. in Moscow, meanwhile, Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze assured legislators the Kremlin had no plans to join the international

forces in the Gulf (see page 2).

Baghdad warned that Israel and other "strongholds of conspiracy" would be crushed if Iraq were attacked by the U.S.-led forces in the Gulf. A top Iraqi minister said there was "no room for any compromise about

But Iragi troops were reported to be fencing off a third of Kuwait, including the northern oil fields. Recent Kuwaiti exiles saw the move as a

sign Baghdad may be considering a partial withdrawal. Meanwhile, Kuwait's oil minister tried to calm fears about soaring oil prices, which one oil expert claimed

President Saddam Hussein might be showing some "flexibility" about withdrawing from Kuwait. Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz said Arab blood was more important than oil and international law should

be applied to the Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories. In a statement on arrival in Morocco Sunday night to attend Monday's meeting of the Organisation of Isla-

mic Conference (OIC) Jerusalem Committee, he said world powers were guilty of hypocrisy and deceit ning to respect internation-The OIC was meeting to discuss the ssacre of Palestinians in Jerusalem

last week by Israelis.
Officials said the Gulf crisis was not on the agenda of the meeting but a senior Moroccan diplomat said the crisis was expected to be discussed on

The Zionist crime has taken place in a framework... of deceit and hypocrisy on the part of the internacould hit \$100 a barrel if war broke

tional power which claim to care shout international law when it serves their interests," the Iraqi News Agency (INA) quoted Aziz as saying. He said they prevaricated and man-

occurred when Arabs were victims of injustice. "We do not accept being treated with two yardsticks and by two different standards." Apparently referring to the United

States, he said "the one who claims to respect international law and the United Nations Charter should prove this at a time when the Palestinian people suffer the atrocities of Israeli "If this double standard persists

towards Arab preoccupations, we must state our position clearly and In Baghdad, Deputy Prime Minis-ter Taha Yassin Ramadan said Sunday his country was prepared "to confront whatever happens" in trying to hold onto Kuwait. Iraqi Information Minister Latif

Jassem echoed those comments. There is no room for any compromise about Kuwait," he said. Kuwait is the 19th province of Iraq and this fact will not be changed

Hrawi seeks to unify Beirut, maintains siege of Aoun

Combined agency dispatches

PRESIDENT ELIAS Hrawi's government started Monday reunifying war-divided Beirut and moved to create a militia-free capital after crushing General Michel Aoun's 11-month mutiny. Government bulldozers re-

moved earth mounds, rocks and other obstacles from the Galerie Semaan intersection, which commands the highway linking Muslim-dominated highway linking south Beirut with the mostly Christian suburbs of Hazmiyeh and Baabda and leads to Syria across the central mountains.

Syrian and Lebanese troops also reinforced their grip on mainly Christian east Beirut and pursued their siege of the French embassy where ousted Aoun sheltered for a third day.

Security sources quoted by Reuters said Syrian troops had detained several of Aoun's top officers and more Syrian and Lebanese tanks and vehicles were brought in to back up troops manning checkpoints and guard- Hobeika.

Mitterrand: No handing over of Aoun PARIS (AP) - President Fran-

cois Mitterrand said Monday that he would reject any request by Lebanese authorities to hand over Michel Aoun, who took refuge at the French embassy in Beirut after his weekend defeat. "I will tell them in advance, 'no," Mitterrand said at a news conference devoted primarily to the situation in Lebanon. "Gen. Aoun is a refugee at the French embassy," Mitterrand said. "He has demanded political asylum in France, and France has granted it to him. It is a matter of honour for her (France). She will protect Gen. Aoun and his secur-

ing crossroads.
With Aoun defeated, hundreds of his supporters feeling vulnerable to rival groups flocked to join one of the main Christian

militia groups, led by Elie

Witnesses told Reuters the Christians went to Hobeika after a gun-battle involving rivals Sunday because they felt unprotected by the Syrian soldiers. "Scores of young men who

were with Aoun, including his bodyguards, are joining Hobeika," said one witness. Police said leftist and Muslim

militias moved into some Christian villages after Aoun's troops collapsed to settle old scores with traditional civil war foes. A police spokesman said gun-

men of the pro-Iranian Hizbollah advanced to Beirut's Christian suburb of Hadath Sunday and were involved in "kidnapping Christians and looting houses.' There was no sign of a break-

through in the deadblock between France and the Hrawi government over Aoun. The general, who vowed to

fight to the death, fled on Saturday after an attack on his headquarters and sought asylum with his family at the French embassy.

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Gorbachev

wins Nobel Combined agency dispatches

SOVIET PRESIDENT Mikhaii Gorbachev won the Nobel Peace Prize Monday for his leading role in opening "new possibilities for the world" through the interna-

tional peace process. "Words fail one at such moments. I am moved," Gorbachev said after receiving word of his selection from the Norwegian ambassador to the USSR, Dagfinn Stenseth, who made a special visit to the Kremlin.

Gorbachev said he received the news "first of all not in personal terms, but as recognition of the significance of the immense cause of perestroika," as the reforms are known in Russian.

"I think it was decisive to the decision," the Soviet leader said. "When we were starting our perestroika, we knew that it would have vast significance to all countries."

Gorbachev told reporters he planned to travel to Oslo, Norway, to personally accept the

Gorbachev has contributed so significantly to, opens up new possibilities for the world community to solve its pressing problems," said Gidske Anderson, leader of the Nobel Committee.

The committee mentioned "the greater openness he has brought about in Soviet society," saying it had "helped promote international trust. Anderson said the committee

honored Gorbachev for his international role and did not consider the internal Soviet situation extensively. When asked if the award was

meant to support Gorbachev because the committee was worried about whether he would remain in power, she refused to answer. Ironically, the announcement

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Jordan denies expelling Egyptian workers or having plans to do so

By Ghadeer Taher Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Jordan Monday categorically denied reports that it had expelled Egyptian workers or had plans to adopt new measures to deport them and the status of Egyptian nationals in the Kingdom

remained unchanged.

Minister of Labour Qaseem Obeidat described as "groundless" Egyptian media reports Sunday that lordan was carrying out a systematic campaign to round up and deport Egyptian workers. He said the Kingdom had no intention of deporting Egyptians with valid work permits.

"Egyptian workers are still employed in Jordan and nothing has changed in their legal status," the minister told the Jordan Times. Egypt's semi-official Middle East

News Agency (MENA) and the state-controlled daily Al Ahram had said that Jordan had sent home 50,000 Egyptians from July to September and had decided to deроп 70,000 тоге. Oberdat also denied that Jordan

had imposed a fine of \$300 on Egyptian nationals before deportng them as reported by MENA. An Egyptian diplomat based in Amman said the embassy was unaware of any Jordanian moves to expel Egyptians. "There is no systematic campaign to expel work-ers," the diplomat said Monday. "Those who are leaving are those who are here in violation of the Jordanian labour law," he told the Jordan Times speaking on con-

dition of anonymity.

According to Obeidat, 200,000 Egyptians are working in the King-dom but only 40,000 possess valid work permits. A Ministry of Labour official said the government's policy had not changed since March when it appropried plans to deport illegal workers after

a two-month grace period.

"We will only repatriate Egyptian or Arab workers if they are found to have violated Jordanian labour laws," the official said. "These (violations) include working without a permit or working in a profession different from which they were given a permit to prac-tice," he said.

A Jordanian official interpreted the Egyptian press reports as a double-pronged attempt by Cairo.
The first, he said, was to "pressure
Jordan against implementing its
labour laws and regulations." The second was an attempt to solicit sympathy from the Gulf states to absorb more Egyptian workers,

according to the official. Thousands of Egyptian workers and their dependents have left the Kingdom either because of their

illegal residence and employment status or as a result of Jordan's economic problems and the strain in relations between Amman and

"I used to send home much more but now the dinar is worth less and Jordan's economic problems are getting worse," said an Egyptian working in the agriculture sector. "I am thinking of going back home," he added.

Jordan is grappling with a high unemployment problem which has been aggravated by the return of tens of thousands of Jordanians from Kuwait and other Guif states. The government has formed a task force to study ways to tackle unem-

Ministry issues warning

The Ministry of Labour Monday against firing Jordanian employees without justification or reason. In a statement carried by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, the ministry said it had noticed arbitrary dismissals of Jordanian employees by different establishments, especially

Such actions violate Jordan's labour law regulations, the ministry said. Obeidat warned the "concerned institutions not to fire Jordanian employees and to abide

Jordan needs urgent aid, not pledges, U.N. envoy says

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Jordan needs immediate financial assistance rather than pledges of medium-term aid to cope with the impact of the Gulf crisis and the Kingdom's adherence to sanctions against Iraq, and have very serious repercussions on the national economy. This is a finding of a special United Nations envoy who spent four days in Jordan assessing the impact of the Gulf crisis and the sanctions on Iraq on the Kingdom's economy.

"Jordan needs aid today, not tomorrow," said Jean-Ripert, a former United Nations official who was assigned to study Jordan's economic situation by Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar. There is no doubt in my mind that the international community should give priority to Jordan while deciding on assistance to countries economically hit by the Gulf crisis," Ripert told the Jordan Times shortly before he left Amman after his visit. "Jordan can receive lesser money today rather than pledges of larger assistance

The assistance to Jordan should come mostly in the form of out-

right grants and long-term soft

loans rather than short-term commerical loans, he said. Jordan, which is already straining under the heavy burden of about \$8.4 billion in foreign debts, "can do without short-term loans" which will only add further complications to its economy, he said. Ripert, whose comments re-

very clear understa of the economic problems facing Jordan, said that while the Kingdom would lose as much as 30 per cent of its gross national product (GNP) during 1990 and about 50 per cent in 1991 in the form of exports, higher oil prices, expatriate remittances, transit charges etc., other countries stood to lose between 1.5 per cent and four per cent of their GNP as a result of the

Gulf crisis.

"Jordan's situation and problems are unique as far as the countries hit by the crisis are concerned," he said. "Every aspect of its economy — budget, GNP, balance of payments and others have been hit very badly," he

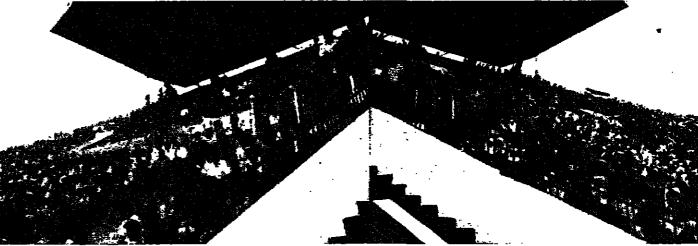
"I have learnt of the concrete consequences of the Gulf crisis and the Iraq sanctions on Jordan's economy," he said. "To me, it resembles a patient who is clearly on his way to recovery and (is then)

suddenly hit by a stroke," he said referring to the pre-Gulf crisis situation when all signs indicated the Kingdom was following a steady and stable economic course after tottering in the early stages under the foreign debt burden. He indicated that Perez de Cuellar

shared this opinion. loss of such magnitude, nor can it maintain any order in its economy without immediate assistance," said Ripert, who held several rounds of talks with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Finance Minister Basel Jardaneh, Industry and Trade Minister Ziad Fariz, and senior Central Bank officials. "I will be recommending to the U.N. secretary-general that the international community and organisations should extend urgent help to Jordan: This is my

Jordan has informed the United Nations that it would lose around \$2 billion as a result of the Gulf crisis and the sanctions against Iraq and Ripert said while he had not formulated any "final figures," the recommendations he would make to the U.N. chief "will not be much

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A scene from Monday's rally at Amman stadium (Photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

Solidarity event urges preservation of democracy, support for intifada and Iraq

By Mariam M. Shahin Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN -- About 8,000 people Monday marked the eighth day of a massacre of at least 30 Palestinians by Israelis at the Al Aqsa Mosque in occupied Jerusalem with calls for stepped up support for the Palestinian struggle for liberation.

Speakers at the two-and-a-halfhour event, organised by the Jordan Arab National Democratic Alliance (JANDA), called on the public to preserve Jordan's democratisation process while doing their utmost to support the Palestinian intifads and the people of Iraq.

The speakers, espousing liberal, leftists and pan-Arab ideologies and leanings, also called on the government to increase its facilities to train the public basic civil and militrey

Although the Popular Committee for Support of the Intifada, which has strong organisational links to JAN-DA, organised a solklore programme Friday afternoon which was attended by about 10,000 people, Monday's rally was the first "political" event organised by JANDA since last Mon-

day's massacre in Jerusalem. Coming only two days after a mass rally by Islamists which drew an mated 30,000 people, the JANDA event appeared to underline the organisational differences between the two political trends if not the popular

support they enjoy. While the Muslim Brotherhood had relative freedom to organise, meet and spread their ideology over the last 20 years, political parties with pan-Arab and leftist thoughts were

not tolerated since political parties were banned in the Kingdom in 1957. As 10 representatives of different professional associations, unions and pan-Arab and leftist parties addressed Monday's audience in sometimes long and drawn out speeches, the crowd chanted popular slogans, threw paper planes and children ran around the stadium waving Palestinian flags.

In a far-off side of the stadium about 50 youths burned flags with the Nazi Swastika while two dozen men kneeled in prayer on an opposite side

As the speakers repeatedly conde-mned Israel, the American intervention in the Gulf and the unwavering U.S. support for Israel as well as the Arab countries which have aligned themselves with the superpower, crowds whistled and cheered.

Jordanian Medical Union and spokes-man for JANDA, got the laudest cheers. His speech was a five-minute reiteration of the "oneness" of Jordan and its people with the people in the Israeli-occupied territories and the people of Iraq in the face of foreign aggression and intervention.

As the Palestinian folklore group Baladna appeared on the podium and began singing the crowd, initially spread out all over the stadium. gathered to sing along and cheer on what has become one of the most popular groups in the Kingdom.

As the band sang and the politicians sat up high on the podium, a group of small boys held up a big Palestinian flag and carrying it high above their beads ran around the

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Kuwait is ready to discuss dispute with Iraq after pullout

JEDDAH (Agencies) - The toppled government of Kuwait said Monday it was ready to discuss any pending dispute with Baghdad after Iraqi troops leave

Such talks could include claims on disputed islands, Oil Minister Rashid Salem al Ameeri said.

"After the withdrawai and the return of the 'legitimate' government, Kuwait is always flexible to negotiate any pending dispute," he told a news conference in this Saudi city.

Asked if talks could include Iraq's claims to strategic islands, he said: "There is room for discussion and negotiation on any pending issue."

A dispute over land and oil helped trigger Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait after the collapse of conciliation talks in Saudi Ara-

Iraq claims the islands of Bubiyan and Warba, and the Rumeilah border oilfield.

Occupation of the islands now gives Baghdad independent access to the reliance on the Shatt Al Arab river, shared with former foe Iran.

Iraq also said that Kuwait had sabotaged its economy by pumping too much oil and driving down world prices. Baghdad accused Kuwait of stealing billions of dollars of oil from Iraqi fields near the desert frontier.

Ameeri said Kuwait wanted a total and unconditional Iraqi withdrawal in line with United

By Francois Raitberger

Reuter

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia —

Kuwaitis, shocked out of weal-

thy complacency by war and

exile, say they will build a new

society if the emirate is freed

Democracy, women's rights

and greater dedication to the

country were recurrent themes

of discussions among 700

prominent Kuwaitis meeting in

this Saudi city on the Red Sea.

rather than "if"; they returned:

as all appeared convinced that

Iraq, which invaded the emi-

rate on Aug. 2, would soon

withdraw of its own accord or

and freer Kuwait when the war

is over," Tracq Al Suweidan,

an oil expert turned politician-

This crisis has changed us a

lot psychlogically. We must forget about luxury and start

rebuilding with our own

He said that young sports

car lovers were now fighting

Iraqis or collecting garbage in

place of immigrant workers

who had left the emirate.

Woman, traditionally out of

the limelight, were playing a

major part in an anti-Iraqi civil

TEHRAN (Agencies) — Iran

said Monday its renewed di-

plomatic ties with Iraq would help stabilise the region.

Iran and Iraq announced the reopening of their embassies on

Sunday after a series of high-level

contacts after Baghdad and

Tehran agreed to make peace two

months ago.
"The establishment of relations

At least 250,000 Kuwaitis,

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told reporters.

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Nations resolutions which have mobilised international sanctions against Baghdad.

But, asked if talks could start after a partial Iraqi withdrawal. he said this was a matter for the Saudi-based toppled government to decide.

Ameeri said Iraqi forces had mined several oilfields and refineries in Kuwait. Machinery, drilling and transport equipment had been taken to Iraq, he charged.

Almost everything in Kuwait, from industry to schools had been damaged, he said. No financial estimate of losses was yet avail-

He said damage to oil facilities if war broke out was difficult to predict but voiced hope production could resume soon after the crisis was resolved.

We have done our best with friends and companies specialised in putting out fires and we hope that with international assistance it would not take a long time," he

He described speculation that a war would drive crude prices from their present level of nearly \$40 a barrel to \$100 as an exag-

Strategic reserves of oil supplies in Europe and the United States were enough to keep prices

A peaceful settlement would stabilise prices around a target of \$21 a barrel, he said.

Kuwaitis ponder reforms

native population, are re-

fugees, experiencing the bit-

terness of exile although they

receive generous government

stipends and many live in lux-

ury hotels.
The unprecedented three-

day gathering, which ended at

the weekend, was called to

discuss ways of liberating

But opposition leaders had

said they were expecting a

fight over their demands for a

return to democracy and more

power-sharing between the

ruling Al Sabah family and the

Crown Prince Sheikh Saad

Al Abdullah Al Sabah silenced

controversy with an opening

address pledging undefined

democratic reforms and asking

Kuwaitis to bury differences

for the sake of unity in the

Opposition politicians were

quick to take Saad's pledge as

meaning restoration of parlia-

ment dissolved in 1986 by the

emir, Shiekh Jaber Al Ahmad

Al Sabah, and replaced last

June by an assembly including

one third of appointed mem-

"There will be elections af-

Saad also dropped a hint

that women, more westernised

than in most other Gulf states

strengthens hopes for a lasting

bilateral peace and for establish-

ment of stability and security in

the region," Tehran Radio said in

fears in the West that Iran, which

has denounced the buildup of

foreign forces in the region.

might side with Iraq.
But the commentary repeated

The rapprochement has raised

Iran: Ties with Iraq help security

a commentary.

ter liberation," said Ahmad Abdul Aziz Saadoun, speaker

of the dissolved parliament.

'struggle for liberation.'

Kuwait.

No Soviet troops to Gulf without parliament okay

Union will not commit troops to operations in the Gulf. the Gulf without the approval of parliament, Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said Mon-

Addressing parliament, She-vardnadze said he was well aware of concerns that Moscow would decide to join the forces deployed around Iraq as suddenly and secretly as the Kremlin had sent troops into Afghanistan in 1979.

The foreign minister repeated earlier statements that the Kremlin would send troops only as part of a United Nations force. And the Kremlin would ask parliament's approval, he said.

"This is not 1979, a year of great tragedy, when the decision was taken to send Soviet troops into Afghanistan. Any use of Soviet troops outside the country demands a decision of the Soviet parliament," Shevardnadze said.

Earlier this month, hardline deputies denounced Shevardnadze for declaring at the United Nations that Moscow was willing to send troops to the Gulf under U.N. auspices.
The "Soyuz" (Union) group

said any dispatch of troops to join the more than 400,000 from other countries already deployed in the region would make the Soviet Union a target for Iraqi missile attacks.

Shevardnadze, delivering a speech on his foreign policy, stressed that Moscow had no

but excluded from political

life, would gain recognition.

"Kuwaiti women have con-

firmed they are equal to their

brothers in the resistance ... I

am confident they will play a

major role in our liberated

traditional black robe, Fatima

Hussein, who escaped last

week from Kuwait, was the

"I had not thought about it

before, but I shall now en-

courage younger women to

work for their rights," Hus-

sein, the middle-aged wife of

Suweidan said it was essen-

tial that women be given the

right to vote. Leading opposi-

tion politician Ahmad Al Kha-

tib said he would campaign for

total equality between sexes.

But Suweidan said reform

would send ripples through

neighbouring countries and

Kuwaitis should not upset

their conservative Saudi hosts.

"We don't want to abuse their

hospitality. Kuwait should be

respectful of other Gulf

Several politicians said

democratic reforms could be a

crucial factor of stability in the

Middle East, but they would

take time as Islamic institu-

tions could not be turned over-

night into Western-style demo-

Iran's stance that Iraq should not

be allowed to keep Kuwait it

"Despite the reestablishment

The resumption of ties with

Iraq follows Iran's restoration of

relations with Britain, Tunisia

Dr. Radwan Al Sand

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and Mauritania last month.

of relations, Iran's positions re-

main the same," the radio said.

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states.

the planning minister, said.

only woman among the white-

robed male delegates.

Unveiled but dressed in the

Kuwait," he said.

And he said that as a permanent member of the U.N. Security Council, the Soviet Union had the right to veto any use of force

by that organisation. Moscow, formerly Baghdad's ally and chief arms supplier, stopped arms sales to Baghdad after Iraq invaded Kuwait on Aug. 2. In Washington last week, a

Defence Department official said U.S. Defence Secretary Dick Cheney would ask for intelligence on Iraq during his visit to Moscow. He is scheduled to arrive Wednesday.

The official complained that Moscow has failed to provide Washington with data on the Iraqi military. Aiso Sunday, the weekly Mos-

cow News published a commen-tary by a specialist on international security issues calling for the Soviet Union to send a volunteer military contingent to the Gulf. "Such action could strengthen

the army's prestige and its role... as guarantor of stability, law and order," wrote Alexei Arbatov of the Institute of World Economy and International Relations.

Concerns of some Soviet generals about the Western military buildup on the southern Soviet border "could only be fully removed by the USSR taking part in a multilateral military presence in the Gulf region," Arbatov

Marine jet clips off wing

DHAHRAN (AP) — A U.S. Marine Corps attack jet lost a metre of its wing when it hit an unknown obstruction during simulated combat operations, U.S. military spokesmen said Sunday.

The A-6E intruder was flying close air support for ground troops when it hit the "unidentified vertical obstacle" in the desert Saturday night, they said. The pilot and navigator-bom-

bardier were unburt and the aircraft returned safely to base despite the damage to its wing: Major Michael Hughes, a Marine Corps spokesman, said the pilots were not using night

vision goggles at the time. The goggles are controversial because they supposedly restrict pilots' ability to see in all directions, and the question of their value has been raised in connection with several U.S. aircraft mishaps in Saudi Arabia.

The A-6E is an all-weather night attack aircraft with an advanced infrared target identification system.

It also is flown by the navy. It was the first mishap involving either an A-6E or a Marine Corps jet aircraft since "Operation Desert Shield" began in early August.

Six air force pilots have been killed in jet crashes in the Saudi kingdom and 13 crew members died in the crash of a C-5A cargo plane in Germany. Eight Marines were killed last

week when their two UH-1 Huey helicopters crashed in the north Arabian Sea and a CH-53 helicopter was destroyed earlier in a

The Marines have been conducting "force on force" exercises in the Saudi desert, pitting one unit against a simulated enemy and calling for armoured artillery and air support.

Hughes said he had no information on how low the plane was flying or what the "vertical

Americans begin to doubt Bush

WASHINGTON (R).-Americans are beginning to doubt the quality of President George Bush's leadership as they grow restive over the lengthening Gulf standoff and an uncertain economic out-

New public opinion polls: show the president's popularity plummeting from record levels, indicating that the long honeymoon he has enjoyed since taking office in January 1989 has drawn to a close.

Support for the president was shown as eroding dramati-cally in recent weeks as the Gulf crisis dragged on with no sign of a quick resolution while a huge and growing force of troops, planes and warships is deployed in the Gulf region confronting Iraq.

Mounting evidence that the United States is in or on the brink of recession, with the stock market slumping, and concern about the president's handling of the drive for major

cuts in the huge budget deficit are also eating into Bush's

popularity. . A New York Times-CBS news poll released Sunday showed the president's approval rating dropping to 60 per cent from 76 per cent just

two months ago.

A poll by the Gallup organisation and reported in Newsweek magazine found Bush's overall approval rating slipping by an even bigger margin. to 54 per cent from 80 per cent in January.

Support for his handling of the Gulf crisis dropped to 57 per cent from 75 per cent just after the Aug. 2 Iraq invasion of Kuwait, according to the New York Times-CBS poll. With his popularity eroding, Bush faces some of the toughest decisions of his presidency.

Within the next few months he

must decide whether to wage war on Iraq if Baghdad refuses to withdraw from Kuwait. The confusing political battle over how to manage the budget deficit has marred Bush's leadership image, split his Republican Party and sapped his approval rating in the

The dispute, which has pitted Bush and congressional leaders against rank-and-file members of Congress, last weekend led to a brief shutdown of non-essential govern-

ment services. Bush's reversals this week on the role of tax increases in trimming \$500 billion off the deficit raised fresh questions about his leadership capabili-

The New York Times-CBS news poli showed 52 per cent of Americans disapproved of Bush's handling of the economy, while 58 per cent disapproved of the way he handled the budget deficit — a majority in both cases. Elderly Americans in particular expressed disappointment with talk of raising taxes and medi-

Bush pulled out all the stops with a televised address to win support for a \$500 billion deficit reduction package negotiated by congressional leaders and the White House that would have raised additional taxes and cut spending for the medicare programme for the elderly.

But he failed to muster enough support from his own party members and the plan was dealt a crushing defeat in the House of Representatives, causing a crisis that led to a three-day shutdown of some government services.

At a news conference Tuesday, Bush indicated he would be willing to consider a proposal that raised tax rates on the wealthy in exchange for a reduction in capital gains taxes. Later that day the White House backed away from that

Israeli officer reports 'incredible' beating orders

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israeli soldiers received "incredible" orders to beat Palestinians while quelling protests at the start of the uprising, a senior officer said Sunday, according Israel Radio.

The testimony concided with mounting world criticism of the use of force by Israeli troops in the aftermath of the Haram Al Sahrif killings last month.

Col. Yoni Shimshoni spoke at the trial of Yehuda Meir, the radio said. Col. Meir is the highest ranking Israeli officer to be tried during the 34-month uprising, for allegedly sanctioning excessive use of force. He is accused of ordering sol-

diers to break the bones of Palestinians in two West Bank villages in January 1988, while serving as commander of the Nablus area.

Meir was charged March 29 on seven felony counts. The most severe was causing bodily harm with malicious intent, which car-

ries a maximum 20-year jail sent-

According to the charges, soldiers under Meir's orders detained 21 Palestinians in two West Bank villages, bound and gagged and then beat them with

rifles and clubs. Meir has admitted giving the orders, claiming they were in keeping with instructions from then-Defence Minister Yitzhak

Rabin has repeatedly said beat-ings were allowed to get a protest under control but that troops were told detainees could not be struck unless they resisted arrest.

The beatings were intended as a way of reducing the number of deaths from gunshot wounds in the uprising which began Dec. 8, 1987. Some beatings have resulted in deaths. Four officers were convicted on Oct. 1 of aggravated assault for a beating in which a 21-year-old Palestinian died in February 1988.

Text of Israeli response to U.N. resolution 672

TEL AVIV (R) - The Israeli duties. Israel also appointed an cabinet decided Sunday not to independent commission of inreceive a United Nations team investigating the police killing of scores of Palestinian in Jeru- security forces. The commission salem October 8.

sed a resolution last Friday con- possible date. As is known, the demning police for the killing empowering the mission.

This is the full text of an announcement which Israel's cabinet authorised its foreign minister to communicate to the U.N. Secretary-General in response to Security Council Resolution 672.

1. We have read the text of Security Council Resolution 672 and the statement of the president of the Security Council that was communicated in connection thereto. They are totally unacceptable to us.

2. A. The Security Council decision completely disregards the attack against Jewish worshippers on the holiday of Succot at the Western Wall, which is on The Temple Mount, the holiest site of the Jewish people, and does not condemn those who attacked the worshippers, this is a political decision with no connection to reality.

B. The State of Israel expressed its regret over the loss of life that occurred as a result of events on the Temple Mount, at a time when security forces were re- Jerusalem, Jews and Arabs, as in sponsible for fulfilling their all other areas it controls.

quiry into the chain of events. their causes and the actions of the will present its conclusions and The U.N. Security Council pas-recommendations at the earliest state of Israel ensures complete freedom of religion in the holy sites of all religions, in accordance with the law. Never, in all

the history of Jerusalem, has freedom of religion for all been guaranteed as it has been since the city was unified under Israeli sovereignty in 1967, and never has the city been more open to

3. Jerusalem is not, in any part, "occupied territory," it is the sovereign capital of the state of Israel. Therefore, there is no room for any involvement on the part of the United Nations in any matter relating to Jerusalem, just as the United Nations does not intervene in events, some even more severe, that occur in other countries.

4. Given the above, Israel will not receive the delegation of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

5. Israel will continue to assume responsibility, in accordance with its laws, for the safeguarding of holy places and for the security of all reidents of

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

Qadhafi backs removal of Aoun

DAMASCUS (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi on Sunday telephoned Syrian President Hafez Al Assad to voice support for the removal of Lebanon's defiant army general, Michel Aoun, officials said. Qadhafi discussed with Assad Saturday's assault by Syrian and Lebanese troops which forced Aoun to surrender and seek refugee at the French Embassy in Beirut, they added. Qadhafi confirmed that what happened was great and is considered an important development which served the interests of Lebanon and the Arabs," they said. Aom was defying the authority of elected President Elias Hrawi, who asked for Syrian help to dislodge him.

Youth riots over jobs in Algeria

ALGIERS (R) — Unemployed youths ransacked a police post and stoned a government building in eastern Algeria Sunday to protest at the way new jobs were being distributed, Algerian radio said Monday. Police used tear-gas to disperse the demonstrators in the city of Tebessa. The protesters accused provincial authorities of favouritism in allocating new jobs. The unrest was the second bour of violence by unemployed youths after thousands blocked traffic and burned down a municipal office in another eastern town, Kais, Saturday. The Algerian news agency APS said calm returned to Kais on Sunday after the intervention of the imam of a local mosque. APS quoted an official in Tebessa as saying the youths had been manipulated by an unidentified political party which sought advantage in next year's first free general elections. Tebessa's provincial council is dominated by the opposition Islamic Salvation Front but the country's ruling National Liberation Front (FLN) has 10 of 23 seats.

Soviet nationals leave Baghdad

BAGHDAD (R) — More than 120 Soviet men, mostly oil technicians, left Baghdad for Moscow Sunday night aboard a Tupolev airliner, Baghdad airport sources said. The departure of the men followed an Iraqi threat two days ago to stop some Soviet nationals leaving the country if Moscow passed on Baghdad's military secrets to Washington. The warning was issued after reports from Pentagon sources said U.S. Defence Secretary Dick Cheney would ask for details for Iraq's military capabilities during next week's visit to Moscow. The Soviet Union, which condemned Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and supports U.N. sanctions against its former ally, was Iraq's main arms supplier during the Gulf war and 93 Soviet military advisers are still here. Moscow intends to bring home nearly a third of the 5,000-strong contingent of technicians in Iraq before their contracts expire. The first batch of 128 Soviet nationals left Baghdad for Moscow Oct. 7. The Soviet Union is not taking part in the anti-Iraq, U.S.-dominated military buildup in the

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Spanish Red Cross to cooperate with JNRCS in helping evacuees

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services. She made the statement shortly. before her departure from Amman following a several day visit during which she visited JNRCS facilities and centres and met with officials to discuss bilateral coop-

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Baghdad on a humanitarian mission, said that she was concerned with the conditions at the Iraqi Red Crescent Hospital which, she said, lacks proper medical equip-

"The Spanish Red Cross Society will do all it can to provide assistance and medical equipment to the Baghdad hospital through the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)" Carmen Mestre said in her statement.

On the other hand, an Icelandic Red Cross delegation member, Sigga Gudmundsdottir,

the Icelandic Red Cross official was the JNRCS vocational Training Centre which offers training courses free of charge to some 100 needy girls in dressmaking and at least 300 others in typing

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> "The federation believes that sending a fact finding mission by U.N. secretary general, according to the said resolution, will be less effective; it rather calls on the U.N. to send a fact-finding mission and peace keeping force to the occupied: territories and to force Israel to abide by the Geneva Conventions on the protection of civilians during war," the statement continued.

Red Crescent, Red Cross to hold talks in Geneva

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the erusalem massacre

AMMAN (J.T.) — President of the Jordan National Red Crescent Society (JNRCS) Ahmad Abu Ooura, who is chairman of the permanent committee of the Red Cross and Red Crescent left Amman for Geneva to chair the meetings of the permanent committee which will start there

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mbers of Commerce, on be-

Abu Qoura said the committee

discuss with the chairman of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) the tragic situation of Arab citizens in the occupied territories and Monday's massacre in which at least 30 Palestinia were killed.

to shoulder its responsibilities in supervising the implementation of the international humanitarian law in the occupied territories. particularly Fourth Geneva Convention on the protection of civi-

attend the two-day meeting of the executive council of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

(Continued from page 1) whatsoever even if we fight a long war

cent hikes in oil prices stemmed from fears about a Gulf war, not from any oil shortages. But Iraq has severely damaged the emirate's oil industry, he said, mining oil fields and refiner-

and top defence officials Monday.
"I hope it will be possible to resolve
all of this without resort to war," he said in interviews with the British Broadcasting Corporation.

But Cheney reiterated a theme

stressed in recent days by British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd that Iraq "has to understand the message that (it) has been given repeatedly -we haven't ruled out any option." Chency, who will begin an unusual four-day visit to Moscow Tuesday and will go to Paris before returning home next Monday, declined to set "artifi-cial deadlines on a decision to go to

war" over the U.N. demand that Iraq end its occupation of Kuwait. want us... as long as it takes to get the job done. And no one should undertimate our staying power," Cheney

He dismissed predictions that American support for the force buil-dup will decline, and that the alliance against Iraq will crumble unless force

Geneva on Oct. 23. Oct. 22.

would discuss in its meetings the agenda of the 26th conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent to be held in Hungary next year. He pointed out that he would

He said he would ask the ICRC lians living under occupation.

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In Saudi Arabia, Kuwaiti Oil Minister Rashid Al Ameeri said re-

ies and stealing equipment.

A three-day conference on Kuwait ended Monday with reports that was Iraq fencing off one-third of the

"The Iragis are setting up a wire fence across Kuwait. They apparently plan to gulp up Bubiyan and the northeastern oilfield," said Fatima Hussein, a prominent Kuwaiti who fled the country last week. In London, Cheney met British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher

"We're there as long as the Saudis

Jordan marks 'World Food Day'

at least 500 million people suffer from malnutrition'

with other nations of the world Tuesday observes "World Food Day" which this year will be held under the slogan "The challenge ahead: food security for the future" as chosen by the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

"Jordan is attaching great importance to this day as it fully realises the importance of food security and the need for international cooperation to stem poverty, hunger and malnutrition," Minister of Agriculture Suleiman Arabiyat said in an address on the eve of the celebration.

He said that Jordan sought to achieve justice and fair distribution of food, especially to the needy groups and the poor far-

Despite immense technologic-

food supplies in the silos of rich nations, sufficient to meet all the needs of the world, at least 500 million people still suffer from malnutrition," the minister pointed out

'Despite a surplus of food supplies in the silos of rich nations,

"These can be found mostly in rural regions where nearly 15 children die every minute at a time when nearly \$1 million is spent every minute by the countries of the world on armament," the minister added.

Arabiyat said the world community "is now called on to ensure food security for all nations through a proper and sustainable development programme."

The minister said that Jordan had been cooperating with FAO, implementing FAO proiects and also receiving assistance from the organisation to help the

"Jordan is seeking to increase food production through a series of deve prement projects which entail land development by plantmg more crops protecting the

soil, planting fruit and forest trees, promoting pasture land, and preventing environment pollution by all means," the minister said The World Food Programme

(WFP), established by FAO as the food aid organisation of the United Nations, aims at stimulating economic and social development through food aid and at providing emergency relief.

WFP became operational in January 1963 after concomitant resolutions of the U.N General Assembly and the FAO conference to establish it in late 1961.

Pakistanis in Jordan ready to fight invades

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Leaders and members of the Pakistani community living in the Jordan Valley have stepped forward to offer themselves as holy warriors to defend Iraq and Jordan in the event of war in the

At the same time, they are also appealing to King Fahd of Saudi Arabia to end the non-Islamic, non-Arab military presence in his country and to settle the Gulf crisis in the Islamic tradition of brotherhood and dialogue without foreign intervention.

The leaders, representing their respective clans which total about 8,000 to 10,000 people, are offering to volunteer "to the last man among us" to fight against the "American invaders and non-Muslims who are in the region not to help Saudi Arabia but to control the Arab and Muslim

wealth - oil," according to a spokesman for the group. The Iraqi takeover of Knwait is an Arab/Islamic said Amir Mohammad, 50, who said he has been in Jordan since 1970. Americans or anyone other than Arabs or Muslims have no business to interfere in the affair," added Mohammad, a native of Larkana in the

province of Sind in Pakisian. We appeal to King Falid not to allow any further violation of the sanctity of our holy shrines in Mecca and Medina by asking the non-Islamic Western forces in his country

to leave," he said. "If war is inevitable, then every one of us is willing to fight and defend Iraq and Jordan against the imperialist powers," he added. "We are volunteering to join the People's Army and to get armed to fight for the Islamic cause."

The group of four leaders, including Mohammad, better known as "Sheikh Mohammad" to the residents of Deir Alla in the Jordan Valley, represents the four distinct regions of Pakistan. The four, who have not had high education, also displayed a surprising insight into regional politics (they explained later that they were regular listeners to the Urdu services of various Asian

as well as European radio sta-The four said each spoke on behalf of his respective tribe or dan, but that their views were

Mohammad Saleh Maksiba-("Mukhtiar Mohammad"), is a Pathan from the province of Baluchistan, who lives in South Shuneh, Haj



Mohammad Kokar ("Hakkim Abu Siddique" to residents of South Shuneh), was born in Lahore in the Pakistani part of Punjab, and Gul Hassan Yogsai Hails from Peshawar in the northwest frontier province. The three, in addition to "Sheikh Mohammad," believe that death is "more dear than

living in shame and submission to the non-Muslims." "We have lived most of our life in Jordan and we love this said Mukhtiar Mohamland." mad. "We have witnessed what the Zionists and the Americans have done to this region and have always kept silent simply because we are in a foreign country. But we can no longer keep silent. Our

Islamic cause and faith is at stake," said the sheikh, adjusting his distinct "turban" (headmuch damage to the unity of the Islamic World, but it is n too late. King Fahd can redr the situation by ordering

non-Muslim troops out of country. And if he does then the Islamic World witness a deep rift which not be easy to heal." According to Mular Mohammad, the posit of various Islamic goveents towards the deployt of multi-national forces audi

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"It is not only our ng sons who will fight to md Iraq and Jordan in the t of war," added Gul H¹ of Peshawar. "We, the c generation, will happilly come death as 'shaheed' (1/17) for the cause, if we alven a chance by the Jorⁱⁿ gov-

ernment, "We will also fine Zionists if we are give oppor-tunity," he adde The con-tinuation of thei upation of Al Quds gives deep grief and pain."

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reate another Israel in the Julf," Kokar said. "If Saudi Arabia is arguing dress), a proud Pathan symbol that it was in any real danger of "The Saudis have don an Iraqi attack, then it should also acknowledge that any such assault would not have been tolerated by the Islamic World," added Kokar. "Ali Islamic countries would have ioined in the defence of Saudi

Arabia. There would not have

been any need for the Americans or anyone else." The four leaders, all engaged in agriculture in the Jordan Valley, said they always maintained very close contact with their families and clans back home and they believed that not more than 10 per cent of the Pakistani population support the dispatch of troops

to Saudi Arabia. "It is a decision prompted by financial and political considerations, and little thought is given to religion and the gravity of the implications of the move," said Kokar. "Despite our differences, we appreciate the honourable position adopted by non-Muslim India, which is offering food to Islamic Iraq in defiance of the United States and Britain," he League which will start also in

According to Abu Qoura, the council is scheduled to discuss relief works carried out by the league, the issue of the league's membership to the United Nations as an observer member, the league's budget and its works in cooperation with JNRCS in extending assistance to evacuees

from Iraq and Kuwait. Abu Quoura said he would meet with presidents of the Red Cross Societies which aided JNRCS is assisting the evacuees.

Singapore, Brunei send relief supplies

SINGAPORE (R) — Singapore and Brunei jointly sent two planeloads of medical and relief supplies to Amman on Monday to help refugees stranded in Jordan by the Gulf crisis, a Foreign Ministry statement said. It said the two C-130s of the Singapore Air Force would be used on their return to evacuate Sri Lankan refugees who have fled to Jordan from Iraq and Kuwait. The supplies will be distributed among refugees of all nationalities.

Government stops food convoy to Iraq Foreign Ministry statement said. It said that Jordan's U.N.

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The Jordanian government Monday stopped the General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS) from sending a convoy of 16 lornes carrying milk and food supplies to the Iraqi children pending approval from the U.N. Security Council's Sanc-

tions Committee. The convoy, which was to have left Monday for Baghdad carrying essential food supplies, would have been the fourth of its kind to be sent to Iraq, but the trip has been delayed until proper approval arrives, said a GUVS statement.

The Foreign Ministry in Amman said in a statement that it was holding contacts with the Sanctions Committee in New York in order to secure approval for the convoy to proceed since, it said, Jordan was committed to the sanctions imposed on Iraq for its takeover of Kuwait.

"The government has asked GUVS, which organises convoys with relief supplies to Iraq, to refrain from sending any for the time being pending the Sanctions Committee's approval," the

permanent representative Abdullah Salah would exert his best efforts in order to secure the committee's approval.

"When it started its convoy programme GUVS was motivated by humanitarian reasons and was acting in the spirit of the international declaration on the rights of the child which was approved by the World Summit for Children held in New York earlier this month," said GUVS in its statement circulated to all Arabic daily newspapers in Am-

The statement said that the World Summit for Children had approved all measures designed to provide humanitarian assistance to victims of war and natural disasters. "GUVS also believes that sanctions on Iraq do not cover food supplies, especially those intended for children and old people," the statement said.

"GUVS, which is a nongovernmental organisation seeking to provide humanitarian assistance irrespective of political affiliations, condemns all attempts aimed at depriving the children of

Iraq of their basic food," the

statement said. It said that Iraq's nine million children were exposed to famine and sickness resulting from lack of proper food and the world community and various international organisations should shoulder their responsibilities to find a way of ending the sanctions im-

posed on these children. The statement said that GUVS would approach the U.N. Security Council Sanctions Committee to ensure that milk and other to ensure that milk and other basic food supplies continue to

reach the Iraqi children. The statement said that GUVS continued to welcome any kind of nvestcontributions from private ent of citizens and organisations aimed that at alleviating the suffering of the 'iginal Iragi children.

The statement said that GUVS nk of chose to delay the convoy's trip d the so as not to embarrass the Jorda- ationnian government which is com- ney to mitted to the Sanctions Commit- 1.

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ISRAEL IS its old seif: Needlessly defiant, dangerously arrogant. First, and contrary to earlier reports that it would cooperate with the U.N. fact-finding mission, Shamir's right-wing government, has finally decided to reject U.N. Security Council Resolution 672 adopted in the aftermath of the massacre of Palestinians in Jerusalem last week and to refuse to cooperate with the fact-finding mission or even accept to receive it. Israel's Foreign Minister David Levy was unequivocal when he declared on Israeli Radio Sunday that the government of Israel had "unanimously rejected the decisions" of the U.N. Security Council and was "determined (in) its refusal to accept such a mission." What appears to offend Israel most is the valid proposition that receiving the mission would mean, and rightly so, that Jerusalem is not Israel's legal capital and that Security Council persists in its position that Arab Jerusalem is part and parcel of the occupied Palestinian territories. In this context and against the backdrop of this most recent Israeli defiance of the Security Council, the council is dutybound to convene as a matter of high urgency with a view to adopting a follow-up resolution that aims to deal effectively with Israel's arrogance. What is at stake is the credibility of the supreme world body charged with protecting international peace and security at a time when the new international order aims to reestablish it and this is therefore no time for the Security Council to shun its solemn responsibility in the face of Israel's open rejection of its binding resolutions. Failing to act at this particular juncture would undermine the council's w''l to enforce its resolutions on the Kuwaiti situation and would effectively pull the rug from under the feet of the council's five permanent members which are ostensibly indulging in dedicated efforts to reestablish the council's stature. There is now no alternative but to link the Palestinian problem with the Gulf crisis because the Israeli rejection of Resolution 672 has reintroduced and reinforced that linkage whether one wished it or rejected it. To all intents and purposes, the Security Council is cornered and has to take measures against Israel, including the application of sanctions against it if it ever hopes to effectively apply its resolutions against Iraq.

The second Israeli defiance of the world in a matter of less than twenty hours is its decision to construct no less than 500 housing units in East Jerusalem to settle new Jewish after the revelation that the Israeli foreign minister had promised U.S. Secretary of State James Baker in writing that Tel Aviv would not settle any new Jewish emigrants in East Jerusalem in order to qualify for the \$400 million loan that it will receive to house Jewish emigrants from the four corners of the world. The Arab World is still awaiting Washington's reaction to this major Israeli defiance of not only the Security Council but also of the U.S. itself.

No matter which way one wants to view the latest Israeli actions, the fact stands out that they effectively undermine the Security Council's efforts to regain its stature as an effective world body as well as the U.S., which has recently embarked to resort to that council to resolve the Gulf crisis.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

Al Ra'i Arabic daily on Monday launched a strong attack on British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd for issuing threats against Iraq while on a visit to Cairo. It is certain that Hurd had taken leave of his senses when he was making the threats and the warnings against Iraq at a time when everybody realises that Britain can do nothing, and does not enjoy credibility in the Arab World. Gone are the days when the British higher commissioner used to issue orders, and the colonies used to comply, and time has gone when London used to intimidate the weaker nations of the world, said the paper. Britain, which had caused so much sufferings to many developing nations and planted Israel in the midst of the Arab World, is now being transformed into a country of a third degree in the light of the emerging united Europe; but Hurd is hoping through his threats that intimadate no one to revive Britain's dying power and the senile British empire, the paper continued. Britain should be the last country in the world to speak about morals and human values and the rights of the oppressed, since it is Britain which has a long record of violating such rights, said the paper. Hurd's statements in Cairo reflect an imbalance in British policies and rationality, although they were meant to intimidate Iraq, the paper added. Hurd's statements, the paper added, can be interpreted as a show of distregard to the Arab Nation and an insult to the Arab masses. It stressed that Britain and its allies will pay dearly should they ever try to launch aggression on Iraq.

Unlike what most Arabs believed, the recent U.N. Security Council resolution in response to Israel's massacre of Palestinians in Jerusalem should be regarded as positive, since it forced Washington to voice its condemnation of Israel's malpractices. and because it motivated an angry response on the part of the Israeli government, says a columnist in Al Ra'i daily Monday. Mahmoud Al Rimawi notes that the Israeli government has now declared its refusal to allow a U.N. fact-finding mission to visit the occupied Arab lands and report on its findings to the council. Any report by any mission visiting the occupied Palestinian land would definitely point to Israel's atrocities and would urge the council to shoulder its responsibilities with regard to situation in the occupied lands, says the writer. In view of this refusal, the Arabs ought now to seek another Security Council session to deal with the negative Israeli stand and Israel's defiance to the world community, the writer suggests. He says that such a situation would open the way for demands to impose sanctions on Israel, a move which would no doubt meet with strong opposition on the part of the United States which, in turn, would have its double standard policies put to a crucial test before the world community. Such situation, the writer concludes, would only weaken Washington's position with regard to its policy towards the Gulf crisis and would open the way for efforts to reach a peaceful end

Iraq exploits Vest's weaknesses

By John Fullerton Reuter

CAIRO — Iraq, well-trained in Soviet strategy, is probably using deception techniques to exploit gaps in western intelligence assessments of its war readiness, military analysts

The United States is using a vast array of super-secret satellites and other monitoring devices in the Gulf crisis but the analysts say there are grey areas in its knowledge of Iraqi military activity.

Baghdad was likely to be

using computers to pinpoint these weaknesses and employ measures taught by Soviet advisers specialising in decep-

Strategic skulduggery was high on the list of priorities in

Kremlin military doctrine and Iraq has copied the Soviet style of warfare in equipping and training its forces.

One way was to create a false impression of intense military activity in a specific area, or move fuel tanks up to what appeared to be launchers as if preparing missiles for

Conspicuously establishing decontamination centres for Iraqi troops close to the border with Saudi Arabia would signal an intention to use chemical weapons. Part of the U.S.-dominated

anti-Iraqi alliance's problem in judging Iraq's war readiness was that insufficient attention had been paid to its military capability before it invaded Kirwait on August 2.

Paul Beaver, publis Jane's Defence Weekh not enough was known the effectiveness of Iraqi or how well Iraq's mi command and control w operate in war.

Another murky area was tails of logistic support, spi parts and fuel capacity armoured forces.

Don Kerr of the Internation al Institute of Strategic Studies said information available from open sources indicated gaps in western knowledge about Iraqi chemical weapons production.

"We don't know enough about how and where they store the chemical agents," he said. Accuracy of Iraq's longrange missiles was another

precise and Baghdad, in order to limit probable errors, had established carefully-surveyed fixed launch sites at Al Rotba Baghdad has threatened to fire these missiles at Israel in case the latter attacked.

Iraci missiles were not very

"The Iraqis have given the accuracy of some of their missiles as .08 per cent of range. So a missile fired 1,000 km would have an accuracy of 800 netres' radius," said Kerr.

> 000 metres. In these circumstances, Iraqi siles were likely to be fired arge numbers simultaneouser shorter ranges to reerror and aim for a big pological impact.

Beaver put the figure at

itarily, the missiles wer garded as effective.

Analysts concede that drawing conclusions about a state as secretive as Iraq are sometimes reached based on pocket-calculator sums, inspired guesswork and observation of its military performance in its

eight-year war with Iran. But intelligence gathering has come a long way since James Bond-type spies carrying concealed weapons and invisible ink and the launch in the 1970s of the first U.S. spy satellite named Big Bird.

Now the buzz words are ELINT (for electronic intelligence gathering), SIGINT (for communications intelligence) and imaging radar and infrared scanning satellites.

A U.S. project code-named Lacrosse used a new low-orbit satellite that could see through cloud or at night to provide pictures of targets.

With an eliptical orbit that puts it between 200 and 500 km above earth, it could spend 60-90 minutes examining Iraqi

Although Lacrosse was man-oeuvrable, it could take a further 16 orbits before it was back on the same target and in that time, the analysts say, the Iragis could do much to mis-

The satellite's readings would have to be beamed down to earth in digital form, improved by computer, and the resulting images carefully scrutinised.

It might be a day or two before the results were on desks of the U.S. chiefs of staff. Perhaps longer.

White terror behind political opposition to de Klerk

By Rodney Pinder Reuter

JOHANNESBURG - A parcel bomb blows up in the face of a young white computer consultant avolved in work for black organisations, virtually decapitating him. Police launch a hunt for two "nice-looking" white men.

A bomb explodes outside the U.S. ambassador's home in Pretoria, causing little damage but ringing alarm bells in South Africa's diplomatic community. A van careers through central

Johannesburg and gunmen inside, firing indiscriminately, kill two young black men and a mid-dle-aged white woman. Before she dies, the woman says she saw white man shooting. Whites dedicated to the

maintenance of apartheid are given little chance of defeating at the ballot box President F.W. de Klerk's plans to grant political power to blacks. The potential of the far right to

derail the reform train by bomb

and bullet is real, analysts say This year alone, white gunmen and bombers have staged as many attacks-- 47 -- as black guerrillas managed in the first four years of their armed struggle against white rule, says independent risk analyst Wim Booyse.

The leader of the white sup-

remacist Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB), Eugene Terre Blanche, makes no secret of the fact that he is prepared to use violence to protect white in-

"If uncivilised blacks want to kill and maim white people, we will level them with the gravel," Terre Blanche said.

Anti-apartheid leader Nelson Mandela accuses whites in the shadowy government security apparatus of triggering black violence in order to divide blacks and maintain minority rule. The violence claimed more than 750 lives in six weeks in townships around Johannesburg.

Police and army deny any involvement and the case is unproven. But some analysts say the government must purge the security forces of white hardliners trained to enforce apartheid laws if its reform programme is to succeed. Booyse said in an interview

more violence will follow if the government takes land from white farmers to give to blacks. Proceeding to dismantle 300

years of white supremacy, the government will next year scrap laws dividing South Africa into white and black regions. Whites, outnumbered five to one, occupy 80 per cent of the land, with blacks in the poorer parts.

If land is taken from whites to satisfy black demands, "these 47 acts of revolutionary terror will look like a kindergaten game," Booyse predicted.

Although the government has tried to reassure white farmers that no one will be forced to sell, many are unconvinced. Some 400 whites from Transvaal province gathered in Pretoria last week and angrily warned the government that it would forcibly integrate the land at its peril.

At the meeting, loudly cheered by the farmers, was Andries Treumicht, leader of the proapartheid conservative party. The party, the official par-

liamentary opposition, claims to be picking up support daily from whites disaffected by de Klerk's reforms. Whether that matters much is moot as there is unlikely to be another whites-only elec-Some analysts say the Con-

servative Party probably holds the hearts of white South Africans with its vision of an all-white state, but they question whether minds have followed.

The majority wish they could live in a Conservative Party world, but recognise it's not feasible," said University of Cape Town political scientist Robert Schrire. The party is making its influ-

ence felt most at munic level, with rearguard actions as the retreat of apartheid. As as the government disman laws nationally, right-wabcal councils are replacing the ith other segregationist meas

With the scrapping of the rate amenities act, which gated public facilities sud parks, libraries and swim pools, many Conservative P councils are crecting "econo apartheid" barriers.

In one town, now-residents

public library which is free to residents. Blacks are confined to townships outside white residential areas.

Similar fee structures are planned for swimming pools in order to prevent blacks joining whites in cooling off from the African summer heat. some towns have threatened to close their pools altogether rather than integrate them.

"We are witnessing some unedifying death throes of the sys- democracy in South Africa.

pay 500 rands (\$200) to join a tem," bemoaned the Liberal Star

Most analysts predict this sort of legislative guerrilla warfare against the black majority by sober city fathers in suits even tually will fail.

It is the combat-clad extraparliamentary right, well trained and well armed and educated for generations to believe blacks are inferior, that really scares those who seek to nurture genuine

Shamir urges defiance of U.N.

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Perez de Cuellar said Monday he would wait to hear from Israel before deciding whether to send a team to probe the massacre.

"First, I have to listen to what the ambassador of Israel tells me," Perez de Cuellar told repor-

Settlement plans

Israel has stepped up plans to expand Jewish settlement in Arab Jerusalem only days after assuring the United States it would not settle Soviet Jews outside the 1967 "green

The announcement by Housing Minister Ariel Sharon was bound to further anger Palestinians.
It also reflected hardening Israeli

reaction to questioning around the world, including in the United States, of Israel's "annexation" of the Arab part of the city it occupied in the war. Levy, to secure \$400 million in U.S. government loan guarantees for immigrant housing, wrote Oct. 2 guaranteeing "the government of Israel's policy is not to direct or settle Soviet Jews beyond the green line." A top aide to Shamir, Yossi Ben Aharon, told Israel Radio the government might not honour the pledge

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He said the United Nations team

members would be "reasonable peo-

pie, and not receiving them could give the impression, in effect, that Israel

does not intend to conform to the

decisions of the United Nations."
Expounding President François

Mitterrand's views on the Gulf issue.

Dumas stressed there was no question

of "substituting" the U.N. policy with

a "magic solution" to all the problems

at the United Nations had been fol-

lowed by "insidious" comments by

certain news media, which he did not

and 1,000 wounded in the six-

hour battle which ended nearly

two years of defiance by Aoun

against a Lebanese government.

the Lebanese government is de-

He said Mitterrand's recent speech

of the Middle East.

Dumas harshly criticises Israel

Hrawi to unify Beirut

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About 300 people were killed Minister Edmond Rizk was to

Paris granted him asylum but Amin Gemayel in 1988.

manding he be turned over for ringing the embassy only allowed

which would limit Jewish settlement in Arab Jerusalem

The immigration committee headed by Sharon said Sunday it had decided to encourage more immigration to Jerusalem by giving it top priority for new house building.

"We never took on ourselves a commitment not to build in Jerusalem, never," Sharon told army radio Monday in defence of his building plans. His committee wanted to build as

many as 15,000 new housing units in Jerusalem, offer bigger mortgages for immigrants settling in the city and give contractors 100 per cent guarantees for apartment purchases.

Sharon said Israel's "annexation" of Arab Jerusalem meant the city on longer had a green line — the pre-1967 fimit of the Jewish state - and Israel's assurance to Washington ap-plied only to the West Bank which is under military occupation. "In the matter of Jerusalem, I said

again this is the government of Israel's position... to strengthen the Jewish settlement in Jerusalem and in Jerusalem we will settle Israelis and olim (immigrants)," Sharon said. Some 150,000 Palestinians live in

the east of the city, while at least 350,000 Jews are housed in West Jerusalem and suburbs encircling the Arab areas.

name, to the effect that France was

doing it alone.

But he said once Kuwait was res-

tored to the rule of the emir, Sheikh

Jabar Al Ahmad Al Sabah, there was

no reason why an international con-

ference should not be held to discuss

overall security issues in the region

Mitterrand suggested in his speech that a resolution of the Gulf crisis

might be followed by initiatives to

solve the problems of Lebanon and

But he reiterated the West's insist-

ence that Iraq withdraw from Kuwait

and free all Westerners before nego-

prepare a file about Aoun's

"crimes" since he took power as

head of an interm military gov-

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Heavily armed French guards

diplomats in Telephone calls for

including the Palestinian issue.

the Palestinians.

different" from the figures compiled and submitted by the King-

"Jordan's record proves that it does not inflate figures," he said. this figure and a bit on the other in any kind of situation, but I believe

doubts that Jordan was adhering to the sanctions against Iraq althor such verification was strictly not part of his mission. The U.N. envoy said he was planning to finalise his report on Jordan after meeting a team of

World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) officials in New York Tuesday and submit it to Perez de Cuellar by Thursday. The World Bank and IMF team is on its way to Amman for talks on Jordan's economic situation.

Ripert said he did not know what specific action the United

General," said Ripert, a French national who retired from active U.N. service in February 1989 after serving as director of economic development and international cooperation.

Ripert's emphasis on urgency of aid to Jordan comes at a time when a group of wealthy countries appears to be undecided over what course of practical action to take to extend further assistance to countries hit by the Gulf crisis sanctions on Iraq. The group, which met in Washington last week, will meet again in Rome in November; and Ripert, although not directly referring to the group, voiced concern "bureaucratic procedures" might delay the process of the actual delivery of assistance at a time Joran can ill-afford such de-

Jordan has received piedges of about \$400 million from Germany and Japan - two countries which have offered to help the so-called "frontline" states of Jordan, Egypt and Turkey which are worst hit by Gulf crisis and the sanctions. But less than 50 per cent of it is in long-term soft loans with the rest under stricter terms. The European Community (EC), which said it would offer about \$2 billion in assistance to the three countries, has not made any specific alloca-

Pakistan's Benazir **S**hutto fights back s the underdog

BAD — "God help

"We will win deprtably, very comfortably," he reporters at his official resident everlooking the capital this said

plane crash. Speaking at a rally

pressure and offered her year-old son Bilawal for ar and it will also be a matter

the restoration of democracy she told the crowds.

ity in the 217-seat national assembly but would make the PPR the

largest minority and impossible to

keep the anti-Bhutto vote intact

by putting up a single candidate,

The IDA and its allies tried to

"I am still not convinced the

Bhutto has made Ishaq Khan, a

75-year-old man who has spent

most of his life as a bureaucrat,

her main target at rallies up and

She reviles him as a stubborn

old man who should have stayed

above the fray as head of state

down the country.

Malcolm Davidson Reuter

f Benazir Bhutto comes s one of the architects er premier's dismissal. rvention may be re-

Divined revention may be required. The provided by putting up a single candidate, but inter-party quarrels have made that impossible in many seats.

They (the government) are already trying to construct some new coalitions but they would be foolish to assume that the PPP is not doing the same, "newspaper editor Maleeha Lodhi said.

Lodhi and some diplomats say the possibility remains that the publicly confide that the Isla-

Bhutto's dism publicly confi publicly config that the Islamic Democrate lliance (IDA) government with the backing of and its allies can an overall Pakistan's powerful military. majority.

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But Bhutto, having by a series of court case rainst her and the arrest this is to of her husband Asif Ali Zare is campaigning hard in the tay she knows best — as the herdog. It was a role she plan to the full before the 1988 pa after being persecuted for yet inder military President Molemad Zia Ul Haq until he did in a plane crash.

said. "I imagine elections will take place although I can't help having a niggling feeling that something might intrude," a senior European diplomat said. Some people argue President when made a mistake in announcing an election date when he sacked Bhutto for military President Molemad Zia Ul Haq until he did in a plane crash.

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but instead descended into poli-ics. If she wins he will have to Zardari was arrested in connect uit, she says.

tion with a kidnapping and two But one of Ishaq Khan's supbanking cases. He is being held in a stident was unmoved by the police custody.

Bhutto herself faces four charges of abusing power during her 20 months in office. If convicted she could be barred from the elections and disqualified from public office.

Party workers say she could win at least 10 more than the 93 seats the PPP won in 1988. That would not be enough for a major-

Political sou ces said Justice Aoun were rejected

Jordan needs aid not pledges. (Continued from page 1)

"Of course, one can argue a bit on the Jordanian figures are pretty Ripert, who also met with a group of Jordanian businessmen at his own initiative, said he had no

Nations Sanctions Committee would adopt and whether it would set up a group of donor countries and U.N. officials to handle the issue. "My mission is to assess the situation in Jordan and make recommendations to the Secretary-

Gorbachev wins Nobel Prize

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of the award came with Gorbachev's foreign policy under bitter attack in parliament from conservatives. There was little sign it could

stem the tide of waning popular support or give new impetus to his reform programme. Top-ranking colleagues were lavish in their congratulations for what Foreign Minister Eduard

Arkady Maslennikov, former Gorbachev spokesman and now a senior parliamentary official, said the prize would be welcomed by all Soviet people who appreciated their leader's great personal contribution to shaping a safer world.

But on the streets of Moscow ordinary people reacted with indifference and some even with anger, demanding whether the prize would change their lives or reduce the shortage of basic

"That's all very well, but what does it have to do with me when I can't find any milk? asked one Soviet worker in his fifties, turning on his heel.

"You foreigners, you don't understand what is happening here. You think he is wonderful but all he is doing is trying to save the communist system. You should live like we have to live," said Irina, a 50-year-old school Shevardnadze called "this great U.S. President George Bush

> "He has brought historically significant change, both political and economic, to the Soviet Union and to Eastern Europe,"

said Gorbachev was a

"courageous force" for peaceful

Bush said in a statement. "President Mikhail Gorbachev has been a courageous force for peaceful change in the world," Bush said. "East-West relations hold greater promise for peace and world stability today than at any time in the last 45 years."

WFP Feature

ON Oct. 16, 1990, over 150 commis throughout the world will observe World Food Day. Launched a decade ago from its headquarters in Rome, Italy, by the food and Agriculture Organisaion of the United Nations (FAO), World Food Day calls for worldwide effective action to end the triple scourge of poverty, hunger and malnutrition.

This year, governments and

non-governmental groups, men women farmers, foresters and fisherfolk, political leaders, opinion makers and the media will focus on the vital challenge of providing food for one billion more people by the year 2000, without depleting Earth's precious resources.

As powerful currents of change in a fast-moving world overturn governments and shift people's values and perceptions. World Food Day will place before the international community the dangers and the promise of that accelerated change

Arms or food

Approximately 51 million people in the world will die this year. Over one third will die needlessly, deprived of the basic essentials for a healthy life. FAO estimates that 500 million people are chronically undernourished. Most of these people live in the rural areas of the developing world.

Every minute, 15 children die for want of food, clean water and simple, low-cost medical care and every minute the world's military machine swallows an estimated US\$2 million from public budgets. Spending on armaments is particularly heavy in the less developed world. Measured by per capita income, military expenditures in the poorer countries have increased twice as fast as living standards since 1960.

A question of equity

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The low-income, food-deficit countries account for 60 per cent of the world's population - and

most of the chronically hungry

Earlier this year, FAO's Committee on World Food Security warned that the poorer countries of the southern hemisphere are facing "an insufferable predica-ment." That predicament can only be overcome by the combined efforts of the entire international community. But the politics of development are often cruel. They ask much of those who have little and relatively little of those who have so much.

Inequity in incomes, low prices commodities in agricultural trade that benefit the importing countries of the developed north. increased protectionism, coupled with demands from the financing agencies for inappropriate agricultural adjustments, are all exerting a heavy human and environmental toll throughout the developing world.

At the end of 1989, the external debt of the Third World countries stood at US\$ 1,290 thousand million — crippling their ability to import the food they need or provide the inputs that would increase their own agricultural production. Conservation becomes a luxury as natural resources are exploited to generate badly-needed foreign

An interdependent world

The vital challenge of providing food for future generations is one that faces north and south alike. As the Berlin Wall comes down, itshould not be replaced by an invisible, but equally damaging wall between the rich countries and those that are still poor.

The well-being of the office worker in England or France is closely tied to the future of the peasant cultivator in Kenya, the fishing family in southern India, and the forester in Ecuador. We face a common future in an increasingly interdependent world.

Outcry and alarm The onslaught on Earth's

conference in Brazil. The goat-herd and the computer

As the world races towards the 21st century, it is a question of element of risk, but there is a place in the development process for both goat-herd and computer. At a special moment in time, FAO is grasping a unique opportunity to make use of frontier technologies while still respecting grass-roots traditions and experiences of the past.

The latest in audio-visual extension tools stimulate communication between rural communities, and between those communities and their governments. Expressing and communicating their felt needs reduces the sense of fatalism and the silence of the rural poor and increases their participation in their own social and economic develop-

Help from space

ecosystems by the countries of dish of Africa Real-time Environnorth and south, east and west is mental Monitoring using Imaging increasingly the subject of public Satellites (ARTEMIS) conoutery and alarm.

polluted waters, rising oceans, and chemical poisoning are the side effects of global industrialisation that has increased 50-fold cent of the growth has taken place in the past 40 years. In the rich world, patterns of consumption and industrial expansion have far exceeded environmental

In the developing countries, ill-conceived development projects often degrade the land and increase the suffering of the poorest of the rural poor. The poor themselves deplete thin soils, over-graze fragile grasslands and slash and burn the forests -- moving on when nature has nothing more to give. They destroy the very resources that give life, not out of ignorance but merely to survive another day.

Sustainable development

Providing food for the future. while protecting the air, soils and waters of Planet Earth, is defined by technologists and scientists as means providing for basic human Earth's fragile ecosystems on which our lives — and the lives of future generations depend.

an international conference on environment and development in Brazil in 1992. In April next year, at the joint invitation of the government of the Netherlands and FAO, over 200 international experts from throughout the world will meet in Holland. They will discuss and develop new approaches for sustainable agriculture presently being prepared by FAO. These key strategies, and the results of the meeting, are expected to make an important contribution to the U.N.

million hectares a year in 1990.

In 1989, FAO began to assess how much tropical forest cover was lost during the past decade and to set up global forest monitoring system for the future. High resolution satellite images are being used to assess changes in forest cover over the past ten years in sample areas. Low resolution satellite data, correlated to the high resolution images and augmented by material from forestry units at the local level, will enable FAO to make an estimate of how much tropical forest remains at the end of 1990 and to make projections to the end of

community,

tinuously receives data on vegeta-The reduction of the ozone tion and rainfall across Africa, layer, global warming, acid rain, and vegetation in the Near East and Southwest Asia. Relayed from space by

METEOSTAT, the European meteorological satellite in during this century. Eighty per equatorial orbit over Africa, and from the American NOAA-11 satellite in polar orbit, the mass of information is stored in a computer with a capacity of one Gigabyte - 1,000 million in formation units. The data is used by FAO's Global Information and Early Warning System (GIEWS) as it monitors the world's ever changing supply and demand for basic foods, and alerts governments in countries where life-threatening shortages are imminent.

tractors

World watch on animals

In Europe alone, 9 out of 119 known native cattle breeds have disappeared. Another 44 are rare of nearly extinct. In total, more than 240 breeds of horses, cartle, pigs, sheep and goats are endangered.

In cooperation with FAO, the Global Animal Genetic Data a problem of "sustainable de- Bank at the European Associavelopment." In simple terms it tion of Animal Production (EAAP) has been enlarged to needs today without destroying handle computerised data from all over the world. A flow of information from the Regional Animal Gene Banks set up by The United Nations will hold FAO in Ethiopia, Senegal, China, India, Argentina, Brazil and Mexico permits the Global Data Bank in Hannover, Germany, to regularly appraise the status of existing breeds and to update its "World Watch" list of endangered species.

Monitoring the tropical forests

The tropical forests contain at least 80,000 species of edible plants - none of them yet cultivated. But hundreds of unique plant and animal species are being lost forever. Recent figures released by FAO indicate that deforestation in the tropics has accelerated from 11.3 million hectares a year in 1980 to 17

the century.

The data will be computerised for easy storage, retrieval and analysis, and the advanced methodology being used will be shared with the international

more than a third of Africa's land is threatened by rapidly-moving desertification, and more than

are being destroyed every year. To help governments save the continent's ecological base, FAO has drawn up a scheme for the Conservation and Rehabilitation of African Lands. The international scheme calls for improved land use practices, development of national institutions essential to implement long-term programmes and, above all, participation of those who use the land.

37,000 square kilometres of forest

The rural poor have been called "the silent people." They are the subsistence farmers, peasant cultivators and small-scale fisherfolk whose harvest failed, whose boat sank, or whose hopes were few: flooded out. Often qualified in economic terms as "low income" "disadvantaged." the rura! poor are isolated, vulnerable and

In 1979. FAO's member nations drew up a "Peasants' Charter": a blueprint for transforming rural life in the developing countries in all its aspects. The Charter stressed that rural development must be tackled by action at the village level, through sound development policies -- and by the realisation of a drastic change

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But the increasing degradation of the soils, rivers and oceans is one of the main factors forcing these rural men and women - and otten their very young children to migrate to the over-crowded. disease and drug-ridden slums and shanty towns proliferating around the cities of the developing world. They leave the counrryside seeking a better future but often find despair.

Top back up its action projects in the rural areas of the developing world, and to promote binding international agreements and conventions for the protection of Earth's resources, FAO's governing bodies have passed many key decisions. To mention but a

The 1989 conference of 158 member states formally recognised the growing pressures on the world's animal genetic re-

Key decisions

In 1983, the "International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources" was established with the aim of ensuring the sound conservation, use and availability of precious - and rapidly disappearing — plant species. Last year. FAO was the first international body to recognise the right of the Third World's farmers to the genetic value of the indigenous crops that they have conserved, improved and made available to mankind. A resolution on "Farmers' Rights" called for conservation, management and use of plant genetic resources "for the benefit of present and future generations of farmers."

sources. Delegates urged the Brothers, the American investestablishment of a Commission on Animal Genetic Resources, an Sweden bought some of that international fund, and a legal instrument to protect endangered lending institutions at the bargain sions of the International Con-exchange, the Central Bank of vention on Biological Diversity being developed by the United

Finding the funds An increasing number of inter-

governmental groups are exploring ways to stimulate commit- Europe and North America comment of the financial resources bined. needed to support sustainable development. To achieve the goal of enough food for all, the industrialised countries will have to increase the flow of capital, as well as environmentally sound technology, to the less developed world.

Bilateral and multilateral funding agencies are urged to ensure that adherence to the concept of sustainable development becomes a prerequisite for the financing of programmes and projects. Most particularly, the development banks are pressed to ensure full consideration of the environmental consequences of their lending operations, something that has been largely neglected in the past. Debt-for-nature

To pay off their overwhelming external debts, some Third World countries are adopting "Debt-fornature" swaps.

In the 1970s and 1980s, Costa Rica was burdened with a soaring Washington D.C., and Salomon future."

ment bankers, the government of national debt from the original species under the general provi- rate of 13 cents on the dollar. In Costa Rica agreed to fund the 210,000 acre Guanacaste National Park and to set aside money to protect other valuable land.

The now thriving national park, an ecological treasure, connational governmental and non-tains more species of plants, insects and animals than all of

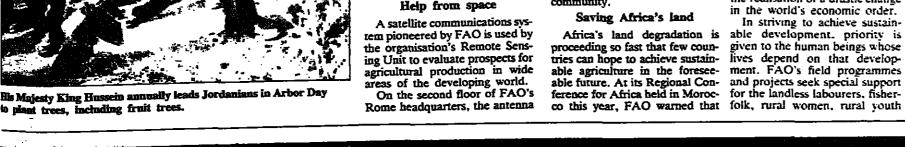
To achieve a prosperous, just and secure world, with sufficient food for the future, may not be a utopian dream but the road is paved with dangers as well as promise.

Worldwide exploitation of the environment is underscroed by an increasing indifference to the right to the healthy and productive life of millions of the world's

Alarming statistics attract attention for an instant. But they are not enough. The judicious use Planet Earth's resources to better the lives of millions today, while ensuring the quality of life of future generations, will require a massive shift in moral and social obejctives, and an awakening of political will.

FAO's director-general has warned: "Humanity is not going to find the road to survival and well-being unless it can free itself from the dictatorship of the prenational debt. In 1989, with the sent and turn its mind and hands help of Nature Conservancy in towards the goal of a lasting

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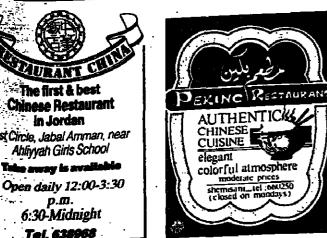
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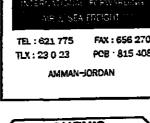
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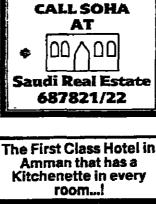
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Probe begins into Nannini crash

SIENA, Italy (R) — Magistrates have launched an inquiry into allegations that Formula One driver Alessandro Nannini was piloting his helicopter without a licence when it crashed at the weekend, a judicial spokesman said Monday.

Nannini, whose right forearm was severed in the crash near his parents' villa outside the Tuscan city of Siena. was recovering in hospital after surgeons took more than nine hours to sew the limb back on. Doctors said Monday his condition was satisfactory.

 A spokesman for deputy state prosecutor Nicola Marini said Nannini's friend Giuseppe Brancado, one of the four men on board the helicopter, had re-ported immediately after the accident that Nannini was at the controls when it crashed Friday. Brancado has denied making

professionals from the lower divi-

sions in England and Scotland

may become the unlikely targets

for East German clubs in their

battle to survive following Ger-

Deprived of the state cash they

received under Communist rule,

struggling East German sides

have suffered an exodus of their

best players westwards since the

fall of the Berlin Wall less than a

against rich Bundesliga clubs in

next season's all-German league,

Gunter Boehme, coach of regular

European campaigners Lokomotiv Leipzig, believes relatively

cheap players from Britain may

and fourth divisions are very in-

teresting," Boehme said. "They

could fit into our game. They

The thought of players from Huddersfield, Darlington or

Queen of the South being per-

suaded to pack their bags and

head for Leipzig or Dresden may

But the world of East German

soccer has been turned upside

down by the political events of

American World Cup player

Paul Caligiuri is already earning

his living playing for Hansa Ros-

tock. To a seasoned profession-

al's eye, the challenge of life in

East German soccer may not

seem so far removed from the

It will certainly not be an easy

Lokomotiv Leipzig, who just

three years ago reached the Euro-

pean Cup Winners' Cup final, are

on the brink of financial collapse.

The club are hunting for sponsors

Providing backers are found,

Boehme, with limited cash,

knows he will still need to search

everywhere to persuade players

have already received their redundancy letters from the former

East German National Railway

which employed them and gave

the club its name. The club only

has enough money to pay the players wages until next June.

people laid off in the company.

When people lose their jobs like that you can't really ask then to

keep on soccer players, can

you?" Boehme said.
"We are looking for sponsors

"There will be thousands of

Boehme and his 19 players

English fourth division.

life for a few vears vet.

"Players from the second, third

prove to be beneficial.

battle and work hard."

seem bizarre.

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to survive.

to come to play.

With difficult times ahead

man unification.

the allegation and injured pilot Francesco de Liguoro reportedly said after the crash that he himself had landed the helicopter. De Liguoro's condition was too poor to allow questioning by investigators Monday.

The Benetton driver was thrown out of the new Frenchbuilt helicopter which he had bought only a few days before. His severed arm was found several metres away.

Doctors said it was still far too early to tell whether Nannini would regain the full use of his arm or race again. Relatives said the driver

avoided discussing whether he would be able to return to the track. They said he told them jokingly: "Even if I don't race again I've got enough money to do something else.

at the moment. The soccer prob-

lem runs parellel to the economic

crisis. We all need a new begin-

ning."
The new beginning is supposed

to start next season when the top

two clubs from the East German

Oberliga join the Bundesliga with

six others going in the second

"High-class goods came from the East, rubbish from the

West," one scout described the

So East German clubs may

start looking to new and unusual

places for experienced and moti-

vated placyrs as they struggle to

"We can't compete with the

find their feet in a united Ger-

high wages," Boehme said.

His sister, pop singer Gianna

Players from U.K. lower

divisions become unlikely

targets for German clubs

LEIPZIG (R) - Seasoned soccer but it is very difficult to get them

division.

the West.

dro won't race again. You don't know him as well as I do, I've got a lot of confidence in his strength of will."

Nannini, a veteran of 77 Grand Prix races, is seventh in the World Drivers' Championship with two races to go and had been enjoying his best season in For-

Herbert replaces Donnelly

Meanwhile British motor racing driver Johnny Herbert was named by Lotus Monday to replace the injured Martin Donnelly for the 1991 Formula One

Herbert will also step in for the final two races of this season following Donnelly's near-fatal crash during practice for the

Nannini, told reporters: "NO-spanish Grand Prix last month.

Lotus officials said they had waited for an improvement in Donnelly's condition before making an announcement. He has yet to regain full consciousness but doctors said Friday he was breathing without the aid of a ventila-

> Herbert, 26, was himself seriously injured in a Formula 3000 race at Brands Hatch in 1988, a week after being asked by Lotus to stand in for their regular drivers during official tyretesting at Monza.

He suffered severe leg injuries but recovered to finish fourth in his debut Grand Prix in Brazil last

Herbert said: "My thoughts are with my friend Martin and my hopes are for his full recovery. If I can get any points in the last two races, it will be for him."

'We had such a flood of in-

iuries before the match, I thought

I deserved to be in the team... at

my age I have no desire to come

into the French squad to sit on the bench, even if I think I can

play on for four or five years.

against Michel Platini who is

someone I have listened to, re-

spected and appreciated for a

Platini said: "Luis is no longer

"But I have nothing at all

Fernandez, Platini at odds

PARIS (R) — Differences between midfielder Luis Fernandez and national team boss Michel Platini have clouded the euphoria over France's 2-1 defeat of Czechoslovakia in a European Soccer Championship qualifying

Fernandez, a former colleague of Platini's in the magical midfield quartet of the great French sides of the 1989s, was unhappy at being used only as a substitute against Czechoslovakia and demanded a guarantee of a team

Platini said he would meet Fernandez to discus the matter soon but insisted he saw the 31-yearold Fernandez as more valuable 20 years old. But I knew I could to the team over 45 rather than 90

Fernandez came on after 52 minutes Saturday and galvanised an unispired French team, then drawing 0-0, to produce a bril-

count on him for 45 minutes and he proved it once again.
"If he understands my way of

thinking, he will be back. If not ... But there is no animosity between us and I will meet him soon

Real Madrid in doldrums but Atletico Madrid, Seville win

team was jeered off the pitch by a crowd of 72,300 after a dismal 0-0 home draw against lowly Logrones pushed them down to third

"We lost a point we should have won," the league champions' Weish coach John Toshack "We posed no threat in the

first half and although we dominated towards the end the goal just didn't come." Toshack's experiment of put-

ting striker Emilio Butrageno in five games and their first win at the role of midfield general failed to pay off and Real were unable to create any real chances.

Despite substituting Yugoslav defender Pedrag Spasic with Adolfo Aldana and replacing Romanian midfielder George Hagi with Sabastian Losada, Real could not improve their game.

Logrones, who last season held

MADRID (R) - Real Madrid Santiago Bernabeu Stadium, rose one position to sixth. Austrian striker Anton Polster

scored a hat-trick as Seville moved up one place to third with a 4-0 away win over Tenerife. The fourth goal came from Uruguayan midfielder Pablo Bengoechea.

In an eagerly awaited debut with AtleticoMadrid, German midfielder Bernd Schuster made a solid contribution to the team's 2-1 away win over sporting Gijon. It was Atletico's first victory in

Gijon for seven years. Striker Juan Sabas picked up a corner from Schuster to head home the first goal in the 62nd minute and Austrian striker Gerhard Rodax scored from a long pass from the German in the

The home goal was scored by Bulgarian Georgui Iordanav Real to a 3-3 draw in Madrid's three minutes before the end.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Brondby wins Danish league title

COPENHAGEN (R) - Brondby won the Dansih Soccer League title for the fourth time in six years Sunday, a 1-0 win over Kobenhavns Boldklub giving them an unbeatable lead in the first division. Bent Christensen, the division's top marksman, scored in the 65th minute. Brondby, who meet Hungary's Ferencyaros in the second round of the UEFA Cup next week, hold a nine-point

Prost criticises Mansell

Prost, the defending Formula-1 champion, criticised the attitude of his Ferrari teammate Nigel Mansell, in an interview published in the Rio newspaper O Globo. "Mansell doesn't perform, he doesn't work at being a good pilot," Prost told the newspaper. backed off previous statements that he definitely planned to retire in 1992. "If I'm well physically, if I still feel capable of winning, I might stay another two or three years," the three-time world champion said. "I think it's a sin to not use my experience in the near future." Prost is in second place in the 1990 Formula-1 standings, nine points behind Brazil's Ayrton Senna with just two races remaining in the season. Senna can clinch his second world title by finishing ahead of Prost in either race - the Oct. 21 Japan Grand Prix and the Australian Grand Prix, set for early December. Prost told the newspaper that Senna has an 80 per cent chance of winning the title, but added that he hasn't lost hope. "The title isn't lost — going to fight for it until the last instant — but it's very difficult for me," he said.

Romanian wins Ireland road race

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) - Romania's Iulia Negura broke clear of Francie Larrieu-Smith of the United States to win the eighth IAAF women's 15-kilometre road race world championship Sunday. The 23-year-old Romanian was timed in 50 minutes. 12 seconds. The 37-year-old American finished three seconds behind. followed by Huandi Zhong of China, the runner up in last year's championship.

LONDON (AP) - World and Olympic marathon champion Rosa Mota of Portugal broke away from Norway's Grete Waitz to win the 10-kilometre Great London run Sunday. Waitz, a nine-time winner of the New York Marathon, kept pace with Mota for the first four kilometres. But the Portuguese runner broke away and won by 250 metres. Mota was timed in 32 minutes, 49 seconds. The event, Britains's first all-women's road race, attracted some 4,000 runners in its inaugural year.

Manila not to scrap S.E. Asian Games

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — President Corazon Aquino

landed a first round knockout punch Sunday to beat Vincenzo Gigliotti of Italy in the semi-finals of the VI World Amateur Boxing Tournament in Lima. More than 200 athletes from 33 countries are participating in the week-long tournament that began Saturday.

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) - Brazilian international striker Bebeto goal in the Brazilian soccer championship. Bebeto, whose last match was for Brazil in the World Cup against Costa Rica on June 16, scored direct from a free-kick to help his club Vasco Da Gama to a 3-0 victory over crisis-torn Internacional Rio Grande Do Sul. Bebeto, one of the highest-paid players in Brazil, had been recovering from a leg injury suffered during a World Cup training session in Italy. Vasco's other goals were scored by Luciano and

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) - French auto racer Alain "While I do the work, he prefers to rest and play golf. Prost also

Mota wins Great London Race

Monday rejected an opposition call to scrap next year's South East Asian Games in Manila because of the country's worsening economy. "Cancelling the South East Asian Games would be the wrong approach to helping the economy." Mrs. Aquino said in a statement. 'The South East Asian Games can generate tourism and investment inflows far beyond the cost of holding them here." In a statement Sunday, opposition Rep. Rodolfo Albano suggested foregoing the games, scheduled in November 1991. because the country cannot afford them. "The games are expected to cost some 300 million pesos (\$12 million), a gargantuan amount to be spent during these times of crisis, and which would, if so spent, betray the government's distorted sense of priorities in this time of economic difficulty," Albano said,

Canadian boxer knocks out Italian

LIMA, Peru (AP) - Flyweight Marty O'Donnell of Canada

Bebeto scores after 4-month absence

over national team selection "If by chance Michel Platini selects me to play against Albania next month, I will ask him for guarantees." Fernandez said af-

ter the match.

long time."

match.

The problem is that most of East Germany's top players, lured by attractive salaries, have already gone West to Bundesliga clubs. The trafficeaastwards has been limited to a trickle of players who failed to make it big in

liant second half display.

money in the Bundesliga. We will look for players nearby in countries like Poland and Czechoslovakia who will not demand such place in the league. "I have not looked closely at

the wages in Britain's lower divisions but I think they will not be on the same level as the Bundesliga. We might persuade some players to come here."

"They have the carrot that they would have the chance to display their skills in front of Bundesliga's more glamorous sides and maybe get picked up by them later.

Since former England International Kevin Keegan moved successfully to Hamburg in the late 1970s, several British players have managed to survive in German soccer, including Scottish internationals Murdo MacLeod and Alan McInally.

But if the lower division players decide to take up the challenge, they will be surprised to see the modest conditions at East German clubs whose names were known throughout Europe.

Apart from their 1-0 defeat by Dutch side Ajax Amsterdam in the 1987 Cup Winners Cup final, Lokomotiv reached the semifinals of the UEFA Cup in 1974.

In those heady days some 80,000 fans would pack on to the terraces at their ground. Now, with high unemployment in eastern Germany, the Leipzig club is lucky to get more than 4,000 through the turnstiles.

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Bridge behind what was the Iron Curtian is flourishing, especially in Poland. Here's a hand played by Irina Raczynska at the recent European Mixed Teams Championship in Bordeaux, France.

When the major-suit probe located the spade fit, North wasted no time in getting to a slam. As the cards were, that contract was shaky,

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but switch declarer's red-suit holdings and a grand slam would have reasonable play.

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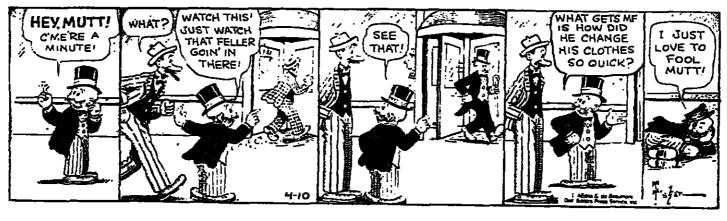
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ducked to declarer's queen. After drawing trumps in three rounds, declarer guessed well by cashing the king and ace of clubs, then running the jack for a ruffing finesse. When East did not cover, declarer discarded a diamond.

Another club now would have been fatal, since West would have been able to sluff the ten of diamonds. Instead, declarer led a low diamond from the king! East could not rise with the ace without handing South her contract on a silver platter, so was forced to play low, and West's ten won. But now West was endplayed, and the forced return of a heart into declarer's tenace allowed declarer to get rid of dummy's remaining diamonds and claim

Note that declarer's diamond play would have worked equally well had East held a doubleton ace of diamonds. The suit would now be established while declarer still had a trump in hand to ruff the losing

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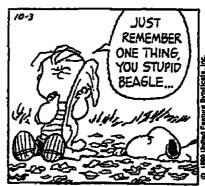


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FORECAST FOR TUESDAY OCTOBER 16, 1990 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Do and need to carefully schedule your time to be able to do so. nothing today that can in anyway confuse or mislead others. Be straightforward and don't attempt to sidestep any issue. Avoid one who has a tendency to be dramatic

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Difficulty in reconciling some usual standpoints and some new ones that attract you require more than usual intelligent thought and hand-

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) You may think by getting rid of one obligation of a practical nature and committing yourself to some new unusual project you can make sensible action.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) You want to change from one you have known for a long time to a new person of interest that attracts and fascinates you but do nothing MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to

July 21) A tag of war within yourself between going along with a present unsatisfactory condition or breaking loose for the new should not be resolved just yet. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) You have to make the decision whether to go along with some friend in a matter or to do what an attachment to whom you are tied down wants. VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) You have both home matters of importance as well as those of a

more worldly nature to take care of

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) You are tied down to concerns at your usual haunts and it is necessary to finish them before you go off to some interesting new odd

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) You've got some practical interests that have been pending for sometime to take care of before you get into that new materialistic

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Whatever you have in mind of a personal nature needs some aid from one who is more in touch with current conditions and formulas that you are.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) The one to whom you are most attached has some right to your help before you get into the various activities you want to engage in today. AQUARIUS: (January 21 to Febru-

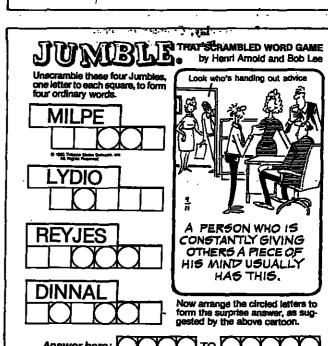
ary 19) You have some longtime friends who are making some demands upon your time and you should yield to their requests before getting into new plans. PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) There is much activity in your home and several home members

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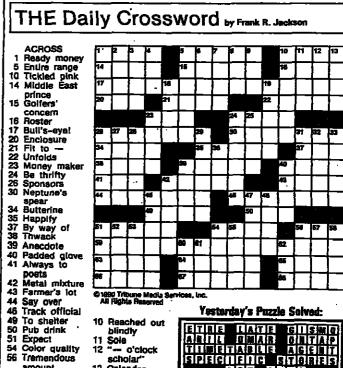


"When we got married I knew Stanley would need time to adjust. I'm still waiting."



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'Sell dollars and buy yen'

TOKYO (R) — Tokyo stocks described sharply higher Monday, average and declines in New naga, manager at Industrial Bank York crude oil prices. Buying of Japan (IBJ). taking heart as the yen streng-thened against the dollar and bond prices firmed.

The Tokyo stock market's key 225-share Nikkei average was up 719.04 points or 3.21 per cent to 23,109.20.

"We had some index-linked buying in spurts all day long, after gains on Wall Street Friday got the market off on the right foot this morning," one broker said. "But nobody can be actually bullish while the Mideast situation is still a mess."

The Nikkei rose from the opening on Friday's 1.4 per cent advance in the Dow Jones industrial

domestic demand-linked shares, seen benefitting from the yen's new strength, provided the power the market needed to build on the

The doilar closed at 128.15 yen and 1.5247 marks after closing in New York Friday at 129.00 yen and 1.5240 marks.

Indications of sluggish U.S. economic growth and gains made by the yen versus the mark continued to depress the dollar.

"The dollar is top-heavy and should fall to 127.00 yen this week. Then it could be supported by comments by U.S. monetary authorities," said Yukio Matsu-

For the week, dealers say general direction in the Tokyo currency market is clear: "Sell dollars and buy yen." IBJ's Matsunaga expects the dollar to move in a 127-129 yen range this week with no obvious support for the

In regional markets, the Australian sharemarket turned early gains into afternoon losses desoite the bullish offshore markets and a surprise cut in official local cash rates. Brokers were surprised by a lack of institutional support, which resulted in the market drifting lower in relatively

Oil prices drift lower northern Cyprus

LONDON (R) - Crude oil prices drifted lower on European markets Monday as traders watched for any shift in the standoff on the Gulf crisis.

North Sea Brent blend prices, a marker for internationally traded crudes, fell as much as \$1.50 from Friday's level before settling about \$1 lower by midafternoon in London.

"The market's psychology remains that war is still on the cards, but, lacking fresh news, prices are off a dollar," said Lawrence Eagles, analysts with GNI Commodities.

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Traders said they were not considering the decline in oil prices to mean a lessening of tension in

Reports that the deployment of U.S. forces in the Gulf was nearing completion could only mean that the Gulf crisis was moving closer to a war footing, they said.

In addition, a report that Saudi Arabia's oil reserves are 60 billion barrels above the proven level of 257.5 billion barrels caused a flicker of interest in the markets but had little impact on

Polly Peck sells hotel to

north Cyprus for \$12 million, a

(TRNC), said his government had bought Polly Peck's stake in the Salamis Bay Hotel for £6.15 million (\$12 million).

already had seven per cent of the Ankara, which believes that the hotel, agreed to buy the remainder at a special cabinet meeting

\$10 million in cash to London," he told Reuters by telephone.

Borman said Polly Peck bought its stake in the hotel earlier this Peck's Turkish subsidiaries. The year from Britain's Leonard private Yapi Kredi Bank has Fairclough Hotels Company for a reported £8.15 million (now \$15.9

a hotel like Salamis Bay which has one-third of the total bed capacity of north Cyprus," Borman said. "This acquisition was very important to us."

Polly Peck, negotiating with some 60 London creditor banks

Japanese yen (for 100) 508.1 511.1

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ISTANBUL (R) — Polly Peck, to roll over £200 million (\$390 the troubled British group owned million) in short-term debt, won a by Asil Nadir, has sold its 93 per month's standstill on its debt cent stake in a hotel in breakaway arrears Friday. Borman said there was no evi-

senior official said Monday. dence that Polly Peck would dis-Nazif Borman, finance minister pose of more of its assets in of the self-proclaimed "Turkish northern Cyprus. Businesses Republic of Northern Cyprus" owned by Nadir and Polly Peck are estimated to make up onethird of the total national income. Nadir, a Turkish-Cypriot businessman, is a political ally of Turkish President Turgut Ozal.

The TRNC government, which Friday, Borman said.

The same day, we transferred

"We couldnt't close our eyes to

Albania reports rise in

Polly Peck affair is a Greek-

Cypriot attack to bring down

Nadir, already supports northern

Cyprus with some \$70 million in

agreed to put up cash for Polly

agreed to extend \$25 to \$30 mil-

Turkey's biggest private bank,

would extend around \$30 million

Banking sources said Is Bank,

lion in short-term credits.

similar credit lines.

Several Turkish banks have

financial aid annually.

nine foreign tourist groups, against four in 1989. Officials still lacks the necessary infrasin foreign tourists by the year

Lebanese lira recovers

BEIRUT (R) - The Lebanese lira rose sharply Monday after rebel General Michel Aoun was ousted from his Beirut stronghold. The central bank said it closed at a rate of 780 to 800 liras to the dollar. This compared with the Friday closure of 1,030/1,050 liras before Syrian and Lebanese troops seized the enclave. Depositors, speculators and banks rushed to sell the U.S. currency creating a huge demand for the lira. "People are optimistic that the fall of General Aoun will pave the way for peaceful and prosperous days ahead," said Sami Naamani, an exchange dealer at a local bank. "Any political breakthrough in Lebanon leads to an economic one pertaining to foreign financial aid," Naamani said, adding that the central bank intervened to secure an organised rise in the value of the lira. "The central bank bought around \$45 million and it seems it will continue to intervene in the market until the value of lira is stabilised," Naamani said. The lira, once the most stable currency in the Middle East, lost more than 100 per cent of its value this year.

Prodded by Gulf crisis

Egypt, IMF find broad agreement

CAIRO (R) — Egypt and the actual signing is unlikely before cent. The IMF, while approving the end of the year. (IMF), spurred by the Gulf crisis, have reached broad agreement on reforms to revitalise the badly battered economy, Western and

A formal accord would pave the way for Cairo to reschedule some of its \$50 billion in foreign

Economists say negotiators on the sidelines of an IMF meeting in Washington two weeks ago removed the last major obstacles to an agreement after more than two years of talks.

of the IMF's Middle East department, will arrive in Cairo Tuesday to start settling remaining details.

Egyptian economists sav.

Paul Chabrier, deputy director

"The Egyptians came a long way and the IMF also moved," said a Western economist who has followed negotiations closely. "I would characterise them as having reached nearly complete

dam Hussein gave the negotiators rate. a jolt when he invaded Kuwait. Egypt's economy, already suf-

fering from massive hidden unemployment, inflation of around from tourists and remittances a completely free float. from hundreds of thousands of workers fleeing the Gulf.

Economists say that Western governmets have not overtly pushed either the IMF or Egypt but implicit pressure on both has been strong

One said there had been "tacit assumed pressure" on the IMF by Western governments and domestic political pressure on

Egypt. One issue to be settled is interest rates on bank loans. Egypt has proposed replacing fixed rates with a system where banks would be free to set rates within a cial bank rate would be resspecified range.

wants a range of seven to 22 per series of deficit-cutting measures,

the concept, argues for a higher They say Iraqi President Sad- ceiling to reflect the high inflation

The proposal is part of a package summed up in a recent Egyptian letter to the IMF. The package encourages the market to 25 per cent and a large budget determine interest and foreign deficit, suddenly lost receipts exchange rates but stops short of

> According to the package, the central bank exchange rate, now at two pounds to the dollar, would be merged over the next few months with the commercial bank rate of around 2.75.

Most tourists buy pounds at the commercial rate.

The commercial rate would be set according to formula designed closely to track the freely convertible "parallel" rate now trading at 2.85 pounds. Access for those wanting to buy foreign exchange at the cheaper commer-

The government reportedly The package also includes a approval from the IMF's execu-

although the IMF would like

more. Over the last few months Egypt has sharply increased prices on a wide range of consumer goods and the government has agreed on more of the same, an econom-

However, he said, the feeling now is that the Gulf crisis has created so many budget unknowns, including the price Egypt will get for oil exports, that nobody is quite sure what the deficit will be.

Other parts of the package include developing an auction system for the government to sell securities to control market liquidity.

The two sides have still toagree on how much bank credit expansion and government borrowing from the central bank should be

An agreement will require new legislation that must be ratified by a new parliament due to be elected Nov. 29. It also needs

Gold may

tive board.

'Saudis discover vast new oil reserves'

WASHON (R) - Saudi Arabia finds represented a major new finds in the hope of signalling the Countries (OPEC), according to has discovered extensive new reserves of high quality crude oil in areas of the country never previously explored, the Washington Post reported Monday.

Quoting unnamed Saudi offi-

least 20 per cent.

Although the Saudi exploration programme was begun more than a year before Iraq's invasion cials, the newspaper said there of Kuwait, Saudi officials now other members" of the Organisa-

Oil-rich Brunei faces uphill

resource that could boost the jittery world market that longcountry's official reserves by at term supplies of oil in the Gulf were plentiful, the Post said.

At a minimum "it's more oil than the whole reserves of some were indications that the new were more willing to discuss the tion of Petroleum Exporting

The Royal Dutch Petroleum

Co. (Shell), which first found oil

Shell and Japan's Mitsubishi

were likely to face problems get-

ting local people to work on

assembly lines because most

Bruneians preferred to be em-

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salaries since 1983.

ployed by the state. The state

employs nearly 40 per cent of the

nation's 90,000-strong workforce.

was trying to resolve the prob-

lem, adding that there had been

no major revision in governemnt

our people will have to choose

between the private sector and

not having any jobs," he said.

Official figures show Brunei's un-

employment rate rose to 6.1 per

cent in 1989 from 3.6 per cent in

Analysts also criticised

"There will come a point when

But Malai said the government

Analysts said foreign investors

one Saudi government official quoted by the Post.

'We have a significant finding of high quality crude," Nasr Ajmi, executive vice president of Aramco, the state-owned oil company," was quoted as saying.

Housing

TEL AVIV (AP) - Israel's consumer price index jumped 2.1 per only slightly more than \$20 above cent in September, with rapidly the price of gold. rising housing costs contributing Traders said platinum could more than half the increase, the fall further to around \$380, a government announced Monday. price at which buyers have re-

and followed a 1.6 per cent in- an ounce Monday after opening crease in August. The index, compiled by the Central Bureau of Statistics, mea-

marketbasket of goods and ser-The bureau said consumer price have risen 13.7 per cent of Kuwait, platinum traded at

months

Prices rose 20.7 per cent for all of 1989. The bureau said more than half

A housing shortage caused by the influx of more than 110,000 Soviet Jews since the beginning of the year has pushed up rents and

shortly outshine platinum

to its lowest level since March 1986 Monday, prompting spe-culation that the precious metal may soon lose its long-standing premium over gold.

"It looks as though they (platinum and gold) could easily be the same price shortly," said one senior metals dealer.

Platinum, which has fallen prey to recession fears since the Gulf crisis erupted, was fixed at a price of \$403.25 an ounce Monday,

The September rise was the cently been willing to support highest since 2.5 per cent in April | gold. It traded briefly below \$400

\$1 higher at \$417. Gold's morning fix in London was a one-month low of \$381.85 an ounce following overnight selling fromthe Middle East and

U.S. commission houses. Just before the Iraqi invasion since the start of the year and levels near \$480 an ounce, which

over gold. "Suddenly everyone wants to sell platinum but it's difficult to pinpoint who and why. Recession fears seem to be the main

answer," the senior dealer said. Platinum's primarily industrial base has made it more vulnerable than gold to recession signals and higher oil prices stemming from

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for

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U.S. dollar Canadian dollar **Deutschemarks** Dutch guilders Swiss francs Belgian francs French francs Italian lire Japanese yen

Swedish crowns Danish crowns

Norwegian crowns

tourism

VIENNA (R) — Communist Albania, for long Europe's most inaccessible country, is, experiencing a tourist boom, the state news agency ATA has re-Albtourist was quoted as saying that 21,000 foreign tourists visited Albania in the first eight months of 1990 and a further 3,000 were expected by December. West Germans, Greeks and Yugoslavs formed the biggest groups. ATA said in July that the number of tourists from many countries had doubled since 1989. In addition, Albtourist now cooperated with regard tourism, particularly along the Adriatic coast, as a key area of development but the country tructure. In July, the Vienna branch of a Western consultancy firm said it had been commissioned to draft a plan for an investment of \$200 million in hotels by 1995 and a tenfold rise

and Polly Peck was also negotiat-SINGAPORE (R) - Oil-rich from cradle to grave. They pay no ing with other private banks for Brunei, preparing for the day its taxes and receive free medical oil wells run dry, is energetically care and education. diversify its economy.

cost of doing business there. at the seminar. A shortage of skilled labour, a lack of up-to-date economic data expected to run out in about 20 and the secretive way in which years and the prime minister, Brunei handles its political and Sultan Sir Hassanal Bolkiah,

recent seminar on investing in Brunei. "They are late-comers in the race to woo foreign investors to the region. Neighbouring Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia have been successful in recent years because of well-laid down investment policies, but Brunei's are vague," said one analyst.

"We would be happy to get \$2 billion in foreign investments over the next five years," Malai Ali Othman, permanent secretary of Brunei's industry and primary resources ministry, said in an

gained independence from Britain in 1984, into one of the world's wealthiest nations. The sultanate, located on Borneo Island, has financial reserves

estimated at over \$25 billion, and

its 250,000 people are pampered

wooing foreign investors to help Oil and gas account for almost

98 per cent of export revenues, But economists say Brunei which amounted to \$2.14 billion faces an uphill task because of the in 1989, up from about \$2 billion small size of its domestic market, in 1988, according to finance poor infrastructure, and the high ministry statistics made available

economic affairs are also likely to launched a five-year \$1.8 billion versify the economy. The plan, which focuses on improving infrastructure, will be followed by a new programme seeking to create 2,000 small-

But Brunei's oil reserves are

the manufacturing, agriculture, forestry and ceramic sectors. "We don't have a domestic market to speak of, so we are going for export industries... we have a labour problem, so we are looking at more capital-intensive

and medium-scale enterprises in

industries," Malai said. "We have a vision that by the end of the century 30 per cent of Oil has turned Brunei, which our exports will come from the non-oil and gas sectors," he said, adding that new industrial proects would come onstream over the next three years.

Financial incentives, such as neighbours, he said.

and Singapore, Malai said.

tax exemptions on earnings and imports of capital goods and raw materials, are competitive compared to those granted by Brunei's The government, which set up the ministry of industry and prim-

Brunei's poor infrastructure, which pales in comparison to its fast-developing neighbours. But a Shell official said: "I don't think infrastructure is a big

problem and it should be over-

come in a few years. Brunei has a lot of money and they don't believe in building anything second best."

The recent surge in oil prices due to the Gulf crisis is expected to boost real gross domestic product growth to over 3.0 per cent in 1990 from 2.7 per cent in 1989 ary resources last year to boost investments, has received an enand 0.9 per cent in 1988, governcouraging response from Taiwan ment officials said.

GRATITUDE

The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany wishes to thank all officials, citizens, public and private institutions, Diplomatic Missions and U.N. Organisations in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, for the warm congratulatory telegrams, telephone calls and visits on the occasion of the proclamation of the German unity on 3.10.1990. Relevant press comments and articles were noted with deep appreciation.

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costs bring task wooing foreign investors up Israeli in Brunei in 1926, is Brunei's price index main foreign investor, producing oil in partnership with the government. Gas is produced in a venture between the government,

sures price changes in a fixed

18.6 per cent in the past 12 gave it a premium of about \$100

the September increase was due to rapidly rising housing costs. mortgage rates.

Mideast tension. Soviet Union has trouble

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TASS has said.

But it made clear

One speaker at a parliamentary food had to be bought overseas and food issues spoke of "bank-tages.

"It is enough to look in state committee meeting on agriculture this year to meet domestic shoragency said.

sponsible for issuing bank- hood food store," it said.
notes)," it said.
"We will leave blank the fi-TASS said the Soviet Union, gure. Let us just say that it is where food rationing is common, significant... products are being had a problem paying foreign bought," it added. companies, many of which had

tion was to import less food. "Many supplier-firms have pointed out. talked of cutting off supplies of

Soviet payment difficulties exchange rate could be intro-

much concern this year. roubles (\$4.6 billion) of overdue misleading. debt had probably been repaid to

bles (\$3.7 billion) might remain devalue the official rate," he told

oil exports, a major hard curren- 0.56 roubles to the dollar, cy earner, and economic reforms

paying for food imports MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet The TASS account of the com-Union, the world's biggest grain mittee meeting was carefully importer, is having trouble find-phrased to avoid divulging con-

storage bins, or look at statistical "Hard currency is not roubles. accounts on the performance of You do not print it at a factory of enterprises in the food industry. Gosznak (the state body re- or simply to visit a neighbour-

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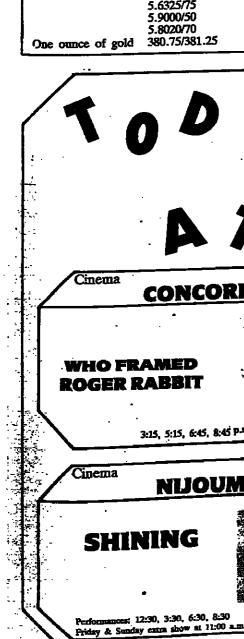
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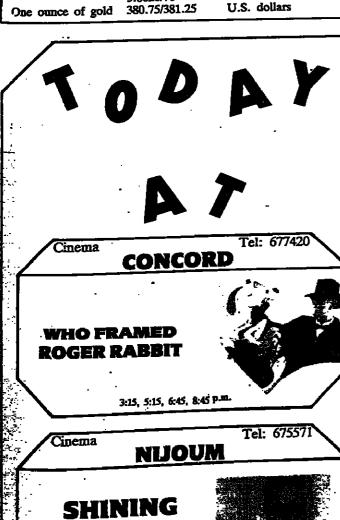
Meanwhile, a senior Soviet foodstuffs. Several intend to re- central bank official has denied a cover unpaid debts by resorting press report that Moscow would to international arbitration," it soon devalue the official rate of the rouble, but he said a new

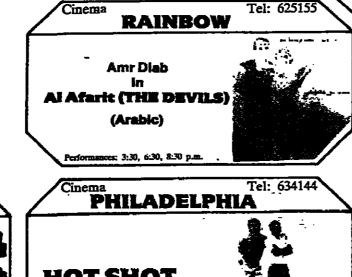
have caused Western creditors duced for trade transactions. Alexander Voitenkov, deputy Yuri Moskovsky, head of the head of the central bank (Gos-Bank for Foreign Economic bank) hard currency department, Affairs, told a news conference described the report in the Soviet last week that about 2.5 billion business weekly Commersant as

"The question was whether to introduce a commercial rate of He said about two billion rou- 1.8 roubles to the dollar or to Reuters. The official rouble exoutstanding. Reuters. The official rouble ex-The arrears followed a drop in change rate is currently about

"Now the preferred option is to that allowed Soviet companies to introduce a new commercial rate conduct foreign trade on their to be used in virtually all transac-own for the first time. tions," he said.









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IN THE STREET

Kohl wins landslide victory in east

BERLIN (R) — A landslide vic-tory by Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU) in regional elections in eastern Germany has put more pressure on the government to rescue the former Communist area's shattered economy.

Official results Monday showed the CDU won four out of five states, with an absolute majority of 53.8 per cent in Saxony and the largest vote in Thuringia, Saxony-Anhalt and Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

Their left-of-centre Social Democrtic (SPD) rivals only stemmed the conservative tide in Brandenburg, winning 38.3 per cent of the poll against the CDU's 29.4 per cent.

"A giant victory for Kohl," screamed the right-wing Bild tabloid. "Kohl reaps the harvest: The east votes black," said the left-wing Tageszeitung, referring to the traditional colour of German conservatives.

The victory handed Kohl a majority in Bonn's upper house of parliament, the SPD's last toehold on power, and put him on the road to a triumph in the first post-war all-German general election on Dec. 2.

Kohl drew the biggest campaign crowds as the architect of

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) -

Pakistan has rejected U.S. de-

mands to inspect its nuclear in-

stallations as discriminatory and

started looking for ways to dimin-

ish Washington's influence over

this Muslim country, reports said

made recently during a meeting between Foreign Minister

Sabahzada Yagub Khan and U.S.

Secretary of State James Baker to

discuss the suspension of \$573

BANGKOK (R) — Hundreds of

Khmer Rouge guerrillas fighting

off government forces in a malar-

ia-ridden, mine-strewn corner of

Cambodia are deserting the front

line, relief officials and guerrillas

They said soldiers from the

Khmer Rouge army, the

strongest of three groups waging

an 11-year-old war against

Phnom Penh, had in the last few

weeks fled heavy fighting to a

U.N.-assisted refugee camp

quantity of able-bodied males in

that camp," one refugee official

"We have never seen such a

Relief workers had no exact

Mercouri defeated in bid

to become Athens mayor

figures for the number of guerril-

ATHENS (R) — Melina Mercouri, the Greek actress turned

fiery Socialist politician, lost her

bid to become mayor of Athens,

the top prize in nationwide local

The outcome of Sunday's poll

was another major blow for the

Socialists after being ousted from

the national government last year

and a triumph for the ruling con-

servatives, who were seeking sup-

port for tough measures to heal

acceptance of the government's

policy towards modernisation

Prime Minister Constantine Mit-

counted in Athens, Mercouri

conceded defeat to Antonis Trit-

colleague and one-time decathlon

With 87.4 per cent of the votes

and the recovery of our country,

The results show popular

an ailing economy.

sotakis told reporters.

elections.

across the Thai border.

The inspection demand was

Monday.

said Monday.

German unity but participation slipped to 69 per cent from 75 per cent in May's municipal elections. reflecting voter weariness at the third East German poll of this

Voters backed Kohl even though rapid unification exposed East Germany's economy, feather-bedded for years by central planning, to the West's free market, putting one in four workers on the dole or onto state-funded short-time work.

Businessmen say the real shake-out of inefficient industry has yet to start, posing the new regions with their biggest challenge as they cope with three million unemployed.

"Only time will tell whether citizens of the new states will be satisfied," said a sceptical Neues Deutschland, the newspaper of East Germany's once all-powerful Communists.

Now renamed the Party of Democratic Socialism (PDS), they won 11.3 per cent of the vote, a five-per-cent drop from the East German general election in March, but easily enough to jump the threshold for seats in the Bonn parliament.

The absorption of eastern Germany has transformed the political landscape, giving the CDU,

The United States suspended

aid to Pakistan on Oct. 1 because

a law required such action if

President George Bush was un-

able to certify that Pakistan does

not possess a nuclear device. The

suspension took effect automati-

Washington asked to inspect

kilometres east of Islamabad, the saying.

Pakistan's nuclear facilities in the

town of Kahuta, about 20

Khmer Rouge deserting battlefield

las fleeing the government siege

on Pailin, a gem-rich town 10

kilometres from the Thai border

held by the Khmer Rouge for the

The heavily defended town.

garrisoned by two Khmer Rouge

divisions, has been under attack

by troops of the Hun Sen govern-

ment since late September. Guer-

rilla officials allied to the Khmer

Rouge said both sides had lost

let Pailin go. It is their most vital

"The Khmer Rouge will never

Guerrilla officials and relief

workers said usually very few Khmer Rouge guerrillas fled their

New Democracy Party, had se-

cured 50.2 per cent of the ballot

The outspoken city planner,

expelled by the Socialists after he

failed to support them in a par-

liamentary confidence vote, was

dubbed "minister of visions" for

his daring policies while environ-

Mercouri's promises to restore

pride in the capital's cultural

would ease traffic.
"I wish Mr. Tritsis every success

chaotic public transport.

ment and education minister.

and Mercouri 45.9.

posts for fear of execution.

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area." one said.

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Pakistan rejects U.S. inspection demand

million in U.S. aid.

which had lost every state election in West Germany since 1988, a new lease of life.

The Social Democrats, who had seemed on the verge of a comeback after eight years out of power in Bonn, have sunk to their lowest scores since the

Analysts said the main reasons were Kohl's personal identifica-tion with German unity, the CDU's reputation for economic competence and its strong organisation in the east, ironically left over from its 40 years as a fellow traveller with the Communists.

Parties began talks Monday on forming coalitions to rule the four states where the CDU did not win an absolute majority.

A coalition of the CDU and the Liberal Free Democrat (FDP) Party, which won 7.5 per cent of the overall vote, was the most likely outcome for Thuringia. Saxony-Anhalt and Mecklenburg - the same partnership which rules in Bonn.

The most complex negotiations were likely in Brandenburg, where the SPD had a choice between trying to bring together both the Liberals and the alliance of ecologist Greens and Civil Rights Activists, or a "grand coalition" with the CDU.

influential Urdu-language news-paper Nawa-I-Waqt reported

But Pakistan insisted its nuc-

lear programme is for peaceful

purposes and denied inspection "as a matter of principle," said

the newspaper, quoting unnamed

self to any such demand that

includes Pakistan but excludes

India," one official was quoted as

The secretive Communist orga-

nisation which oversaw the

deaths of one million Cambo-

dians during its 1975-8 rule, is led

by hard-core cadres but its ranks

are filled mainly by conscripts

from refugee camps along the

Civilian defectors and camp

officials said there was also a growing fatigue towards the war

which has dragged on since Viet-

nam's 1979 invasion and has

worsened since the withdrawal of

Relief officials and hundreds of

deserting guerrillas had fled to

Site K, a United Nations-assisted

camp about 70 kilometres north

of the Thai town of Trat control-

led by the Khmer Rouge.

Thai-Cambodian border.

Hanoi's troops last year.

"Islamabad will not submit it-

Even though the CDU needs no coalition partners in Saxony, its new premier Kurt Biendenkopf has said he may try to draw other political groups into his

Meanwhile, German Interior Minister Wolfgang Schaenble still has not recovered nerve functions lost two days ago when a wouldbe assassin's bullet lodged near his spinal column, doctors said Monday.

"The overall condition of Minister Schaeuble is very serious," said Dr. Wolfgang Gerok, staff chief of Freiburg University Hospital. "Neurological deficiencies existing from the start have not improved so far."

The minister underwent further surgery overnight to relieve bonemarrow swelling, Gerok said. He said Schaeuble, 48, was awake and alert Monday morning but back on artificial respiration. Schaeuble, who was tipped as Chancellor Helmut Kohl's heir apparent, underwent five hours surgery Saturday to remove the bullet. Doctors have refused to say whether he will be para-

He was shot by a lone gunman Friday night as he left a tavern near Offenburg in the Black

Bhutto's allies vow crusade against corruption

ISLAMABAD (R) - The political alliance of former Premier Benazir Bhutto, who was ousted from power on corruption charges, pledged Monday to launch its own anti-graft crusade if voted back in next week's

Former Higher Education Minister Shahnaz Wazir Ali launched the People's Democratic Alliance (PDA) manifesto promising to eradicate corruption if returned to power.

But an opinion poll published by Gallup Pakistan showed Bhutto trailing 10 per cent behind the Islamic Democratic Alliance (IDA) with nine days to go before elections.

Opinion surveys have a mixed record in Pakistan, but commentator Mushahid Hussain said he thought the IDA had the edge. Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party (PPP), the main component of the PDA, has increased its supoort in recent weeks but was hur Sunday by a court verdict upholding the president's decision to sack her on Aug. 6.

President Ghulam Ishaq Khan accused Bhutto of presiding over massive corruption, abuse of power and nepotism and set up special courts to try the former premier and several of her ministerial colleagues. Bhutto denies any wrongdoing

and the PDA manifesto calls for

senior officials, public representatives and the president to be required to declare their assets. Ishaq Khan's accountability the East Bloc's first non-Comprocess has been restricted to the 20 months of Bhutto's time in Walesa, chairman of the federa- told the 1,000 invited guests that

Mazowiecki kicks off campaign

tion and a former Mazowiecki

The country's first direct presidential election is Nov. 25. Poland will choose a successor to Wojciech Jaruzelski, who is stepping down 4 and 1/2 years before the end of his term.

Thousands chanted "Mazoand stability in a speech to a wiecki, Mazowiecki" as the prime packed audience. He characteminister strolled through the ciwiecki. Mazowiecki" as the prime darity labour movement, pitting nation's top office on Oct. 4.

rised his opponent's policies as ty's old market and laid a wreath unpredictable, ad hoc solutions. in honour of a Polish patriot. He The contest has split the Soli- declared his candidacy for the In a speech at the Krakow munist prime minister against Philharmonic Hall, Mazowiecki

steep and thorny path, but this is the only possible way leading to improving the republic and creating better, more decent conditions," he said.

try's shock economic reform programme, which is expected to raise unemployed to 1.3 million by the end of the year.

"We cannot go back. We can-not change the route halfway,"

Book identifies 'fifth man' in British spy ring

surge forward as People's Party President Lal Krishna Advani's vehicle races on to Ayodhya

Hindu leaders detained to prevent clash with Muslims over holy site

LUCKNOW, India (AP) -Police have detained about 1.000 Hindu fundamentalists to try to head off a confrontation with Muslims over a holy site claimed

by both religions. Police sources said Monday the sweep included at least nine members of the state legislature of Uttar Pradesh who may spend the next two weeks in jail under preventive arrest."

The activists were held under regulations allowing the state to make arrests on a charge of "apprehension of breach of

peace," the sources said. The crackdown was ordered by Mulayam Singh Yadav, the chief minister or highest elected state official, hoping to preempt Hindu-Muslim violence in the holy town of Ayodhya later this

Hindu fundamentalists say they will build a temple on the site where they believe the powerful Hindu God Rama was born.

A mosque stands on the disputed site. Hindus claim the mosque was built on the ruins of a temple destroyed in the 16th century by Mogul conquerors. Muslims say that there was no earlier temple and that Hindus did not claim the site until 1949.

The Hindu World Council, a fundamentalist movement, has vowed to begin the temple's construction on Oct. 30, despite pending cases in the state's high

KRAKOW, Poland (AP) — Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazo-

wiecki has kicked off his pres-

idential campaign, criticising the

economic policies of opponent

Lech Walesa as "amateurish ex-

by name, Mazowiecki portrayed

himself as the candidate of law

While not mentioning Walesa

periments."

Sources said he was considering sealing off the town of Faizabad. which is on the main road leading to Ayodhya, and diverting all trains around the area. The detainees would remain in

meet Prime Minister V.P. Singh

to consider further options.

iail until after Oct. 30 unless they swore to a magistrate that they would cause no trouble, said police sources who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Among those arrested were the editor of a Hindi-language newspaper in Ghaziabad and the vice president of the Hindu World Council, Deoki Nanda Agarwal, retired judge from Allahabad.

City councillors and senior local leaders of the Bharatiya Janatha Party, or Indian People's Party, and religious leaders from Avodhva also were arrested, as well as at least two Muslim leaders who support the Hindu cause.

The dispute threatens the sta-

bility of Singh's minority government, which relies for its survival on the right-wing People's Party. The party backs the Hindu claims to the site they call Ram Janambhoomi, or Rama's birthplace.

Singh has urged restraint by both sides. But People's Party President Lal Krishna Advani is on a much publicised 10,000kilometre pilgrimage to Ayodhya, pressing what he calls a clear case of majority rights.

Yadav flew to New Delhi to lims are 12 per cent. Advani has indicated he may break with Singh's government over the issue, which would bring the coalition down, though he has left a door open for a negotiated settlement.

Meanwhile, Sikh gunmen kil-led 10 Sikh farmers sleeping in a remote house and four policemen in two attacks in Punjab state early Monday, a police official

Senior superintendent of police Sanjiv Gupta blamed all the killings on Sikh extremists fighting for an independent nation. But other sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the farmers may have been vic-

tims of a land dispute. The four policemen were ambushed early Monday by gunmen hiding in a sugar cane field near Sanghna, 35 kilometres north of Amritsar, Gupta said. One policeman was Hindu, and another was Christian. The other two were Sikhs.

The attackers escaped with their victims' weapons and ammunition, Gupta said.

At Dhohalkalan, 25 kilometres

north of Amritsar, about a dozen gunmen attacked a farmhouse where 15 Sikh farmers were sleeping early Monday, Gupta

The attackers sprayed the house with gunfire and fled, leaving 10 farmers dead and four Hindus comprise 82 per cent of India's 880 million people. Mus- was unhurt, Gupta said. seriously wounded. One farmer

the choice facing voters was between himself and "some demagogues" who promise "magical solutions" to economic prob-

"Our policy is going through a

He was referring to the coun-

OKANOGAN, Washington

(AP) — An attempted jailbreak was foiled last week when two on burglary charges, Slattery

LOS ANGELES (AP) — AII

actor using a loaded gun in a film being made by college students in arrests, Bowers said.

plan he has promised the Athenian people," Mercouri said. Seoul opposition leader on hunger strike hospitalised

sis, a former Socialist cabinet in materialising the ambitious

SEOUL (R) — Veteran South Korean politician Kim Dae-Jung was forcibly taken to hospital by his supporters Monday on the eigth day of his hunger strike for democratic reforms, witnesses

Kim, 66, was rushed by ambulance to a hospital in Western Seoul after refusing to end his protest at the weekend despite pleas from his supporters.

Doctors said he suffered from low blood sugar and dehydration, while news reports said Kim had lost nearly 4.5 kilogrammes. A member of the ruling Demo-

cratic Liberal Party (DLP) said the party had called a meeting for Tuesday morning to discuss a response and that some officials showed a softening stance.

Members of Kim's Party for Peace and Democracy (PPD) decided to force him to go to a hospital after an afternoon

meeting. "The doctors advised hospital and in a congressmen's meeting they decided to coerce him to

go," a PPD spokesman said. About 20 politicians also agreed to support Kim's protest by going on hunger strike themselves, starting from Monday

A handful of people are already staging sympathy hunger protests and others have shown support by shaving their heads.

Kim began his fast last Monday to win concessions from President Roh-Tae-Woo, who he believes has ignored opposition demands despite their prolonged walk-out from parliament.

The demands include the promise of local elections and scrapping a plan to change the government from a presidential to a cabinet system.

Kim demands the closure of the Defence Security Command (DSC), the military's intelligence agency, after revelations that the agency keeps tabs on 1,300 prominent civilians, recalling times past when the military dominated

Conductor Leonard **Bernstein** dies at 72

NEW YORK (R) - Leonard Bernstein, the best-known American conductor of the 20th century and composer of such popular classics as West Side Story, died Sunday less than a week after poor health forced him to retire from public performing.

heritage did not sway citizens Bernstein, 72, began his musicwho struggle daily with sickening al career at the age of 10 when an air pollution, traffic jams and aunt gave him a piano. He be-came one of the century's most Tritsis campaigned by walking visible, exciting and beloved conthe streets of the crowded city ductors. and said he would introduce a public transport system that

Margaret Carson, his spokeswoman, said he died at his New York flat from cardiac arrest brought on by progressive lung failure. She said his funeral would be private.

Last Tuesday, Bernstein's doctor ordered him to retire from public performing, forcing him to cancel appearances with several of the world's top orchestras. A life-long smoker who often conducted rehearsals with a cigarette instead of a baton, Bernstein suffered in recent years from severe lung problems.

News of his death stunned concert-goers in New York. Members of the New York Philharmonic. which Bernstein led from 1957 to 1969, wept.

"We played our hearts out for him," said oboist Jerome Roth of the man who was the orchestra's first American-born conductor. As word of his death spread at Carnegie Hall, where he often performed, musicians said they

felt his presence. "He'll always be here." said Kristin Kuhr, director of the Carnegie Hall recital stage on hearing the news. "When you step onto the stage you can feel all the greats who have walked there. Now we can feel Bernstein. We

always will," Stagehand Leslie Gooding said Bernstein was a "fantastic guy. He used to get up on stage and dance after our New Year's party. He was all right."

LONDON (Agencies) — The long-secret "fifth man" of a notorious British spy ring was John MI5 counterintelligence service the except Philby," MI5 counterintelligence service the except quotes KGB officer Dmitri Svetanko as saying.

Cairneross, a former high-ranking British intelligence officer, according to a book by a former KGB double agent who fled to

Oleg Gordievsky, the Soviet agent who came to Britain in 1985, makes the claim in a book, KGB: The Inside Story of its Foreign Operations from Lenin to Gorbachev. " It was written with Christopher Andrew, a Cambridge University intelligence historian. Harold "Kim" Philby, said to

be the most damaging double agent in British history, spied for the Soviets for 26 years until he Burgess, Donald MacLean and Anthony blunt, all now dead, turned Britain's secrets over to the Soviets.

Serialisation of book extracts Times newspaper. The book was to be released in Britain and the United States Friday.

In Monday's extract, Gordievsky and Andrews say Cairneross World War II. He worked during his spy years in the Foreign Office, the Treasury, for a govand for the MI6 foreign intelligence service, the book claims. The Times said the Scottish-

that he lives in the south of France. "This is not a new discovery,

said Labour Party legislator Ted Leadbitter. "This has been known for an awfully long time." Some scholars of espionage have long suspected that Soviet penetration of the British secret service did not end with the unmasking of the four and that there was probably a "fifth man." Others have maintained that the KGB fostered the theory to keep Western intelligence in doubt.

It was at Cambridge University, where all five of the men studied, that blunt "talent-spotdefected to Moscow in 1963. He ted" Cairneross and Burgess reand three fellow agents, Guy cruited him, the excerpt says. Philby, who rose to become

head of the MI6 anti-Soviet section, responsible for the study of Communism and the Soviet intelligence services, was on his began Saturday in London's way to becoming head of MI6 when he first came under suspicion in 1951, when MacLean and Burgess both left the Foreign Office and fled to Moscow.

The Times said Cairneross's was a spy before and during involvement with Soviet intelligence has been well documented, but he had never been placed in the same category as the other ernment minister, for Britain's four. "Cairneross always claimed electronic eavesdropping centre he was just 'a small fish'," the Times said.

On the contrary, "Cairneross's achievements were the equal of "Until the end of World War

II, when Philby's career began to take off, I think he provided more important intelligence than any of the others," co-author Andrews told the Associated Writer Chapman Pincher and former MIS officer Peter Wright, whose book Spycatcher the British government failed to suppress

Roger Hollis was a Soviet spy.
Earlier this year Gordievsky
said in a BBC television interview that Hollis, who ran the counterespionage service from 1956 to 1965, was not a Soviet agent. Gordievsky began working for

in a long court battle, both alleged that former MI5 head Sir

the British while posted in Copenhagen in the early 1970s. The KGB Soviet intelligence service sent him to London but he was recalled to Moscow. He eluded his KGB tail and escaped to the West in 1985. His defection led to the retaliatory expulsion of 31 Soviet and 31 British diplomats, trade representatives and ioumalists.

A NATO exercise in 1983 caused the Soviet Union to fear a nuclear attack and the incident brought the world closer to nuclear war than at any time since the 1962 Cuban missile crisis, Gordievsky said.

The Soviet spy agency's former top man in London, said that a

the NATO exercise ended and it became apparent there was no plan to launch a nuclear attack. Moscow was so worried that U.S. President Ronald Reagan was going to start a nuclear war that the KGB sent messages in

that U.S. bases were on alert, Gordievsky said. Gordievsky wrote that KGB Chairman Yuri Andropov said in a secret speech in 1981 that Reagan, who once called the Soviet Union the "evil empire" was preparing to launch a nuclear

November 1983 to its espionage

operatives in Europe telling them

He also said Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, the Americans ex-ecuted in 1953 for spying, were "dedicated, courageous Soviet agents who believed that they could best serve their cause by denying their own association with it."

Khrushchev, in memoirs released last month nearly 20 years after his death, said dictator Joseph Stalin had also said the Rosenbergs were Soviet spies.

Former Soviet leader Nikita

Relatives and supporters of the Rosenbergs have long tried to clear the couple from espionage

Gordievsky said that following the execution the KGB encouraged the belief the Rosenbergs were innocent victims of an anti-Communist witch hunt.

Foot sewn back on leg after 7 months attached to arm

PARIS (AP) — A plastic surgeon Sunday claimed he had reattached a man's foot to his leg after the foot had spent seven months sewn to the man's arm. The 12-hour operation by a surgical team led by Dr. Maurice Mimoun caps a medical drama to save an accident victim from losing his right foot. Mimoun, 34, said the history-making operation at the Hopital Rothschild last Wednesday unfolded perfectly. If recuperation goes well the man should walk again, though he will probably have a limp. The patient, a man about 40 years old who has never been identified. fell from a subway platform onto the track last March just as a train was pulling into the station. The wheels mangled his lower leg and cleanly severed the foot. Rescue workers placed the foot in an ice pack and rushed it and the man, in deep shock and bleeding heavily, to the hospital. Mimoun decided to graft the foot to the man's forearm. Mimoun hoped to keep blood flowing to the foot, keeping it healthy and nourished while the stump of the man's leg healed. The doctor had originally predicted the foot culd be sewn back to the leg within three months.
"Because of the extremely bad state of the leg, the foot couldn't be immediately grafted on," Mimoun said Sunday. The foot-toarm-to-leg operation is the first of its kind in the world, but a Yugoslav team attached a hand to a thorax about four years ago, Mi-

Water rationing ends at shrine

LOURDES, France (AP) -

Thanks to recent heavy rains, authorities have ended unprecedented water-rationing measures imposed last month on pilgrims visiting the spring at this world-famous shrine. Under rules imposed on Sept. 19, visitors were asked to limit themselves to only one small container of wa-ter. But officials said Saturday that pilgrims once again could take as much of the water as they could carry. The improvement in water supply was attributed to the recent rains and the end of the main pilgrimage season. More than 4 million pilgrims travel each year to Lourdes, where, according to Roman Catholic tradition, the Virgin Mary appeared repeatedly before a 14-year-old girl in 1858. A spring was found at the site, and thousands of people who subsequently prayed and bathed in its waters said they were healed. A medical bureau established at Lourdes has categorised as miracles 65 of the cures attributed to

Jailbreak foiled after inmates complain

pilgrimages to the shrine.

inmates trying to escape made so much racket that other prisoners complained to guards, officials said. The two prisoners were chipping away with a piece of metal at the concrete wall of the Okanogan County Jail when they woke up other prisoners last Monday night, jailer Dan Slattery said. Jailers acting on the complaints said they snared the two men. Sheriff Jim Weed said that even if the men had gotten through, they would have found themselves 25 metres above the ground. Billy Dale Anderson, 22, and David Cabarete, 33, now face attempted escape charges in addition to an ongoing investigation

Actress accidentally shot during scene

a cemetery accidentally shot another member of the cast, police said. The victim, a 28-yearold actress, was shot in the chest with a large-caliber handgun at Valhalia Memorial Park, Burbank Police Lt. Gordan Bowers said. She was flown by helicopter to a hospital and was listed in stable condition, Bowers said. Her name was not released. The woman was shot on camera, Sgt. Ed Skarvana said. "Incredible as it may seem ... they used a loaded gun," he said. "They didn't know it was loaded or they had forgotten." The actor was questioned, but the shooting appeared to be accidental and there were so